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**SUBJECT** Elizabeth T. Bentley

**FILE NO.** 134 - 435

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81	7/13/53	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
NR	8/1/53	FORM FD-192 - BULKY	1	1	
82	10/7/53	LETTER N.O. TO HQ	1	1	
83	10/17/53	LETTER N.O. TO HQ	1	1	
84	10/23/53	LETTER HENNBICH TO BELMONT	1	1	
85	11/18/53	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
NR	11/23/53	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	1	1	
NR	11/23/53	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	1	1	
86 inc.	11/10/53	AIRTEL-NY TO HQ N/1 COPY	4	4	2 NC
86 OUT.	11/25/53	AIRTEL NO FM HV	1	1	
87	11/25/53	LETTER BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	1	1	
88	12/8/53	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	1	1	



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89	12/7/53	LETTER JONES TO NICHOLS	5	5	
NR	12/8/53	LETTER SEATTLE TO HQ	2	2	
90	12/8/53	W/ENCL. (DICTABELT) LETTER BRANKAU TO BELMONT	5	5	("MEET THE PRESS" SHOW) (ENCLOSURE IS DICTABELT COPY OF)
NR	11/25/53	LETTER LEGAT TO HQ	3	1	INC. ...
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PAr.	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PAr.	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
91	12/10/53	AIRTEL FROM NY W/ENCL.	2	2	
92	12/16/53	LETTER NY TO HQ W/ENCL.	16	16	

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93 INC	12/17/53	LETTER FM. 3RD. PARTY	1	1	
93 OUT	12/10/53	LETTER FM HV TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/11/53	LETTER NY TO HQ-3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/11/53	LETTER NY TO HQ-3RD PARTY	1	1	
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NR	12/11/53	LETTER NY TO HQ-3RD PARTY	1	1	
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NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER AL TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	12/30/53	ROUTING MEMO LETTER NK TO HQ - 1 PG	2	2	
NR	12/30/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	12/31/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	5	5	
NR	12/31/53	LETTER N.H. TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/31/53	LETTER NK TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	

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NR	12/11/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/11/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/15/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/16/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/22/53	TELETYPE NY TO HQ	4	4	and released 9/19/79 Document de-classified
94	12/22/53	W/ENCL: LETTER NY TO HQ - W/1 COPY	9	9	2 N.C.
95	12/17/53	LETTER NY TO HQ W/COPY	6	6	3 N.C.
96	12/23/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/28/53	LETTER NK TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/28/53	LETTER NK TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/28/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
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NR	1/4/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
97	1/6/54	LETTER BRANIGAN - BELMONT	3	3	
NR	1/7/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	1/7/54	LETTER BATON HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	1/8/53	LETTER BS TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	1/8/54	LETTER - WFO HQ - 3rd PARTY	4	4	
NR	1/11/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/22/54	MEMO TO BAYFIELD	2	2	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	1/12/54	LETTER HQ TO LA - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	1/12/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	

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NR	11/18/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
98	11/19/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - w/16pg ENCL.	17	17	
NR	11/20/54	LETTER N.O. TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	11/27/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	11/28/54	LETTER WFO TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	11/29/54	LETTER NO TO HQ -	4	4	
NR	11/29/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
99 INC	11/28/54	TELETYPE - NO TO HQ	1	1	
99 OUT	11/29/54	TELETYPE HQ TO N.O. w/copy	2	2	1 N.C.
100	2/4/54	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	1	1	
101	11/29/54	TELETYPE HOUS. TO HQ	1	1	

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NR	2/2/54	TELETYPE - HQ. TO N.O.	3	3	
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NR	2/4/54	TELETYPE HQ TO N.O.	1	1	
NR	2/5/54	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
NR	2/5/54	3RD PARTY LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	2/17/54	LETTER LA TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	2	2	
NR	2/24/54	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	CUT OFF BOTTOM OF PAGE (1) HOOVER COMMENT
NR	3/10/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	3/25/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	3/25/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - " "	1	1	
102	4/22/54	AIRTEL HQ TO N.O.	1	1	
103	4/6/54	LETTER N.O. TO HQ	1	1	

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103 OUT	4/19/54	LETTER HQ TO N.O.	1	1	
104	4/19/54	LETTER HQ TO AAG	1	1	
105 inc	4/14/54	W/ 3pg. ENCL. LETTER NO TO HQ - W/COPY	7	7	2 N.C.
105 INT	4/16/54	LETTER BELMONT TO BOARDMAN	2	2	
105 OUT	4/19/54	TELETYPE - HQ TO N.O. - W/COPY	2	2	1 NC
NR	4/28/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
106	4/30/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	4/29/54	LETTER BOS. TO HQ.	12	12	
107 inc	4/28/54	LETTER N.O. TO HQ - W/COPY	4	4	2 NC
107 OUT	5/5/54	AIR-TEL HQ TO NO	1	1	
108	5/10/54	W/ 1 pg. ENCL. LETTER NO TO HQ - W/COPY	6	6	2 N.C.
108 OUT	5/26/54	chg. OUT - FD 4-21	1	1	



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108 OUT	5/13/54	LETTER HQ TO AG	3	3	
109	5/8/54	TELETYPE NO TO HQ-W/COPY	4	4	2 NC
110	5/7/54	TELETYPE NO TO HQ-W/COPY	4	4	2 NC
111	5/12/54	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
112 inc	5/7/54	LETTER N.O. TO HQ	4	4	
112 OUT	5/18/54	LETTER HQ TO NH	2	2	
113	5/22/54	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
114	5/28/54	AIRTEL - NY TO HQ - W/COPY	2	2	1 NC
NR	5/25/54	LETTER AAG TO HQ	1	0	Referred
NR	6/1/54	LETTER HQ TO AAG	1	0	Referred
115	6/5/54	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
116	6/1/54	LETTER NO TO HQ-W/COPY	1/1	2	1 NC

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117	6/10/54	LETTER - BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	2	2	
117 x	6/25/54	AIRTEL - N.H. TO HQ	1	1	
NR	7/7/54	REPORT - WFO TO HQ	18	18	
NR	7/7/54	LETTER - WFO TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	7/20/54	REPORT - NH TO HQ	2	2	
118	8/19/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	8/30/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
119	8/31/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	3	3	
120	9/1/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
121	9/1/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
122	9/16/54	3pc./3neg. BRANIGAN LETTER - LAMPHIRE TO	6	6	

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SAC, New York

July 13, 1953

Director, FBI  
(134-435)

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
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Reference is made to the NY memo dated 6-29-53, entitled: "Gregory, Espionage - R." The Bureau desires that future communications regarding Elizabeth Bentley should be submitted under the above caption.

With respect to the proposal of INS to develop Bentley as an informant or part-time consultant, the NO office was previously contacted by INS in NO with respect to this matter. The Bureau advised the NO office that they should reply to INS that we have over a period of years maintained contact with Elizabeth Bentley, and that it is contemplated we will continue to contact her periodically for information. They were to inform INS that we have no objection to her being utilized by INS as a part-time consultant if she so desired.

In view of the fact that you referred INS to the Bureau's headquarters, if an inquiry is received here, similar information will be furnished to INS. In the event you are again contacted regarding this matter by the local NY office of INS, you should furnish them information in line with the above.

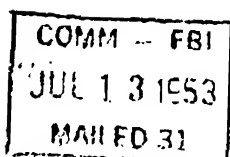
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Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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## BULKY EVIDENCE - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AND EVIDENCE

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~~Not Marked~~ Field Division~~8/1/53~~ DateTitle and Character of Case: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; ET AL  
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Date Property Acquired: 11/17/45

Source From Which Property Acquired: Elizabeth Bentley

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: Safe deposit box, Manufacturers Trust Company

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Evidence. Efforts presently being made to dispose of property.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: 100 \$20 bills totalling \$2,000.00

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: October 7, 1953

Reairtel from New York, 9/9/53, reflecting that BENTLEY will return to her employment at the College of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, Louisiana, on or about September 12, 1953.

It is anticipated that numerous leads will be forwarded to the New Orleans Office to interview Miss BENTLEY concerning the subjects of various Security and Espionage cases. The file in this office is being reopened and placed in a pending status and UACB, the subject will be carried as a Security informant by the New Orleans Office.

No number SAC Letter dated 5/4/50 entitled "Security and Internal Security Investigations (full utilization of confidential informants and sources of information)", furnished background data concerning the subject.

MRK:js

REGISTERED MAIL

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (134-89)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: October 17, 1953

ReBulet May 11, 1953.

On October 15, 1953, Miss BENTLEY advised SA's JOHN B. HONEYCUTT and MILTON R. KAACK that a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service had contacted her during the spring of 1953 and that she did some work for the I&NS last summer. She said that the representative of I&NS requested that she do additional work for them upon her return to New Orleans; however, she refused inasmuch as her teaching schedule would not permit her to devote sufficient time to the work requested by I&NS.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. C. E. HENRICH

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT  
BuFile 134-435

DATE: October 23,  
1953

Tolson —  
Ladd —  
Nichols —  
Belmont —  
Clegg —  
Glavin —  
Harbo —  
Rosen —  
Tracy —  
Gearty —  
Mohr —  
Winterrowd —  
Tele. Room —  
Holloman —  
 Sizoo —  
Miss Gandy —

HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
ESPIONAGE - R  
BuFile 101-4053

I talked with Supervisor Tom Spencer, NYO, on the afternoon of October 22, 1953. I authorized him to call Elizabeth Bentley in New Orleans to determine whether she had ever furnished to the Bureau information to which she testified before Senator Mundt's Committee regarding obtaining samples of German marks to be used as occupation script by U. S. military forces. Bentley also testified that she had assisted in putting pressure on Harry Dexter White to have the plates of this script made available to the Russians.

Supervisor Spencer later advised that he had talked to Bentley and that it was her recollection she had furnished this information to the Bureau during the first three or four months of our interviews with her. She was somewhat hazy as to whether she had furnished the information concerning the plates. She did not recall having written this information into her book, "Out of Bondage."

The NYO is continuing its efforts to locate this information in its files.

ACTION:

I instructed the NYO to send an air-tel to the Bureau covering the conversation with Bentley.

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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: November 18, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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Belmont ✓  
Clegg ✓  
Glavin ✓  
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Rosen ✓  
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Holloman ✓  
Gandy ✓

Milton Freudenheim of the Knight papers telephoned the Bureau on 11-18-53, and talked to Crosby. He asked if, for his information and not for attribution, he could be told where Elizabeth Bentley teaches school.

After checking, Crosby advised Mr. Freudenheim that Miss Bentley teaches at The College of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, Louisiana. Mr. Freudenheim expressed appreciation.

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VERNMENT

TO MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: Nov. 23, 1953

FROM MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ETAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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This matter has as its basis, testimony by Elizabeth Bentley before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on May 29, 1952. At that time Bentley said she knew of two individual rings which worked under her and which had been exposed, and she had some indirect knowledge that Alger Hiss was operating in another network. She also said in the course of her talking to one of her Soviet contacts, she learned there was another group in existence, and that insofar as she knew, the group had not been exposed.

On the basis of the foregoing remarks by Bentley, we had her interviewed in an effort to develop further information. She was unable to furnish us any further details other than to state that in a conversation with Joseph Katz (in 1944 or 1945) she got the impression that there was another network functioning. She did not think this was the network in which Judith Conlon had been involved. She could furnish no information on the make-up of this group.

It would appear that Robert Morris, Counsel of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, is referring to the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley on May 29, 1952, when he indicates two of four spy rings have been exposed thus far.

ACTION

The foregoing is for your information in connection with the question which has been raised on this matter.

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MR. D. M. LADD

November 23, 1953

MR. A. H. BELMONT

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ETAL  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, ESPIONAGE - R. REURAIT-TFL

11-10-53 AM ISSUING BUREAU AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE  
EIGHT COPIES OF BENTLEY'S BOOK, "OUT OF CONTACT,"  
AT \$3.40 EACH. BUREAU AUTHORITY FOR THIS PURCHASE  
IS GRANTED AND YOU SHOULD PROMPTLY COMPLETE THE  
REVIEW AND TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION IN CONNECTION  
WITH THIS MATTER.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: November 25, 1953

FROM : MR. W. A. BRANTLEY

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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On October 26, 1953, the Bureau instructed the New York Office to review Bentley's book, "Out of Bondage," to be sure that information therein does not differ from information she furnished the Bureau and to be sure that pertinent information in her book is channelized to appropriate case files. The New York Office contemplates clipping pages from Bentley's book, mounting them, and channelizing them to the appropriate New York case files or other offices of origin. Accompanying the clippings will be instructions to compare the data therein with data in the appropriate case files to be sure that Bentley advised the Bureau of the information appearing in the clippings and to be sure that no discrepancies appear. Also, instructions will be set forth to have Bentley interviewed if any discrepancies are noted or any clarification is needed. The New York Office by air-tel dated November 10, 1953, requested Bureau authority to purchase eight copies of Bentley's book at \$2.40 a piece. It is pointed out that this is more economical than Photostats or typing.

## RECOMMENDATION

That New York be authorized to purchase eight copies of Bentley's book at \$2.40 each. An air-tel authorizing this purchase is attached if you approve.

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TO : Mr. D. M. LADD

December 8, 1953  
DATE:

FROM : Mr. A. H. BENTLEY

SUBJECT: ALLENBY IN BENTLEY  
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In the attached memorandum it is set forth that Elizabeth Bentley appeared on "Meet the Press" program on December 6, 1953.

Former Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly, who handled Bentley in New York, starting in November, 1945, telephonically contacted Supervisor Langford and stated that Bentley called him from the airport on Sunday, December 6, 1953, at which time she was returning to Louisiana. (The program, "Meet the Press," had been filmed on Saturday). Bentley told Kelly that the Director's comments concerning her before the Jenner Committee were wonderful and made her feel like a different person. She said such comments had given her a fresh outlook. She said she had hesitated writing the Director about the fine remarks he had made, but she now believes that when she returns to Louisiana, she will write to the Director thanking him for his comments. Kelly told her he thought it would be perfectly proper for her to do this.

ACTION

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 7, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "MEET THE PRESS" PROGRAM  
DECEMBER 6, 1953

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SYNOPSIS:

Elizabeth Bentley, guest on "Meet the Press" program on December 6, 1953, was very conservative in her answers to questions and did not allow herself to be trapped. Mentioned Bureau only briefly and each time remarks were commendable. Was asked if she believed any persons whom she knew to be spies to be still working in Government but did not answer. Was questioned concerning Lester Pearson but would not become involved. Said she would not change her original testimony. With regard to Harry Dexter White case ~~and~~ stated she did not know him personally but convinced he was a spy from information given to her by Silvermaster. In answer to question of what FBI thought of her when she originally went to them in 1945 she stated Agents were courteous but noncommittal. Strongly resented word "informer" when applied to her. Was questioned as to whether Truman regime put any brakes on her but refused to become involved in politics. Stated she believes Earl Browder has much valuable knowledge of Soviet espionage. In conclusion she was asked what advice she would give to Soviet spies and she said she would advise them to break with Soviets and report to the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

I heard her. She did a very good job in face of "loaded" questions directed to her by Brandt of St Louis Post Dispatch & Riggs Sarnville Courier Journal

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cc - Mr. Nichols

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DETAILS:

Elizabeth Bentley was the guest on "Meet the Press" panel on Sunday evening, December 6, 1953. The Moderator was Lawrence Spivak and the panel was made up of R. Wilson, R. Brant, J. Madigan and R. Riggs.

Miss Bentley conducted herself very well, was very conservative in her answers and refused to be trapped by leading questions. For the most part, she pleaded ignorance to questions on the basis that she did not have any notes with her and that she had appeared before so many committees that she could not answer the questions intelligently without referring to her notes. The FBI was injected only casually and her remarks concerning the Bureau were commendatory.

The first question put to Miss Bentley was did she have any personal knowledge of persons still in Government whom she knows to be spies. She refused to answer this question directly but did state that she was told there was two other rings operating in Washington in addition to the one in which she operated and she presumed the other two were still operating. She stated she had given all information that she was aware of to the Bureau.

She was then reminded that she had testified in 1951 that Lester Pearson of Canada had been used by the Communists. She stated she did not recall this particular testimony and would not be questioned on this point.

She was asked what she thought of creating a commission to quietly investigate subversives in Government rather than have three or four congressional committees doing it with great fanfare. She replied she had not thought about it, although from a witness's point of view it would be much more desirable to appear before one group rather than a number of them.

She was asked what she thought of Igor Guzenko's proposal to make attractive offers to spies to induce them to come over to the democratic countries, much as Canada had done for him. She said she didn't know but it might be a good idea.

She was asked if she was given any inducements to talk by the FBI when she initially contacted the Bureau in 1945. She said no, that she was motivated by purely idealistic motives and if the FBI had come to her with inducements she probably would have resented it and not talked.

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She was asked if she would change her original testimony today and she said no, she would not. She was also asked if she had given congressional committees all the testimony in her possession and she stated she was not sure, that she only responded to questions and she didn't believe the congressional committees had asked her about all persons involved. She stated she had given all information available to her to the FBI.

She was asked if she knew of any persons still engaged in espionage that she had not named publicly. She said there probably were and that she still believes espionage is going on in America. She was asked where and she said probably in the Intelligence Services, State and Commerce Departments.

The questions then turned to the Harry Dexter White case and Miss Bentley was asked if there was enough evidence in 1945 to prove him a spy. She questioned whether the panel meant personal knowledge on her part or evidence which would be admissible in court. She stated she was personally convinced he was a spy even though she had not met him personally and knew he was part of the Silvermaster Ring because Silvermaster had personally told her.

She was asked if any of the persons named by her had been sentenced to prison and she said yes, and named Remington and Abe Brothman.

She was questioned as to why no legal action had been taken against Silvermaster, Perlo, Ullman and the others she had named. Miss Bentley stated she did not know, that she was not a lawyer but understood that it was very difficult to legally prove espionage. She was asked if she thought the case against them would be stronger if wire tapping evidence were legal and she stated that she didn't believe so because her groups were too scared of telephones and when they did use them they only talked in code, which would not mean much to a monitor.

She was asked how she had gotten away with her espionage activities for so long - were her groups so clever or were the American people so stupid. She replied that she thought it was a combination of both, that the American people were trusting and that at the time Russia was our ally.

The questions then returned to Harry Dexter White and Miss Bentley was asked would the Communists have known of a surveillance placed on them as Truman inferred in his speech. She stated while some of them might have known it, it would

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Probably have never come to her attention.

She was then asked what the FBI thought when she originally went to them in 1945 and would they believe her. She stated she did not know, that they were very courteous but noncommittal. She was asked if their faces didn't betray some of their feelings regarding her story and she said no, that FBI Agents were well trained and had poker faces and gave no indication to her what they thought of her story. She did say that Agents told her a month after her initial visit to the Bureau in New Haven, Connecticut, that the story she told had been double checked carefully and her allegations verified.

Miss Bentley showed the most emotion when one of the panel used the word "informer" in regard to her. She said she resented this word very much, that she and others like her were only doing their civic duty and she did not consider herself a "tattle tale."

She was asked what made her finally see the light and she stated she got good and mad when her superiors tried to bribe her and tie her down. She explained that she had <sup>been</sup> working out of idealistic motives but they tried to involve her by offering her fur coats, money and other material things which was a favorite trick to involve individuals.

She was asked why she was in Washington, was it to appear before other hearings and she said no, she was in town only to appear on the program.

She was then asked did she think any brakes were put on her information by the Truman regime. She refused to answer this question and stated she did not want to get into politics. She was then asked how well she knew Earl Browder and she stated she worked closely with him and reported to him from 1942, when her immediate superior died, until 1946. She stated she believes Browder knows a great deal concerning Soviet espionage and that as head of the Communist Party at the time furnished Agents for Soviet espionage, covers for their work, and did other odd jobs. She said she believed he had important information today.

She was asked what concrete evidence did she turn over to the FBI in 1945, namely, did she have any documents or other pieces of evidence. She stated no, it was merely her story, her memory of meetings, of people she had worked with and documents that had passed through her hands. She was asked if she handled the currency plates which were turned over to Russia and she stated

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ng, she only handled samples of the money they would make but the prints were turned over legally by the Government.

She was asked if her life had been threatened and she said yes, many times. She was asked if she was actively engaged in anti-Communist work now and said no, she was teaching, lecturing and trying to awaken the American people.

In conclusion she was asked what advice she would give the spies working for Soviet Russia today and she stated she would tell them to break with the Soviets and go to the FBI with their information.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-361126)

12-8-53

SAC, SEATTLE (65-2998)

DONALD NIVEN WHEELER  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

There are attached hereto a considerable number of clippings which in summary reflect that WHEELER wrote a letter to "The Sequim Press", which is a weekly newspaper, which was published in the November 26, 1953, issue, and a similar letter almost identical to the "Port Angeles Evening News", which was published on Wednesday, December 2, 1953. The article by WHEELER to the two papers, copies of which are attached, is a tirade against the HARRY DEXTER WHITE publicity with a view to the fact that since he has been maligned throughout the country he is asking space in these two newspapers, where he lives, to defend himself. The language of the letters is intemperate and is so wild that Editor C. N. WEBSTER advises me that they published the whole content of the letters as speaking for themselves in evading the point and trying to throw a smoke screen. I went to Port Angeles and talked with WEBSTER, who advises me that he felt very strongly about the situation not only due to his position and the character of WHEELER but also due to the fact that they both were graduates of Reed College, which clarifies WEBSTER's comments concerning the article, which are also attached.

As a result of WEBSTER's solidifying his thinking in connection with the situation plus the fact that WHEELER was then in San Francisco where he had refused to testify to the "sixty-four dollar question", as WEBSTER puts it, he made it available to the Associated Press expecting that it would backfire on WHEELER and possibly provide a libel suit basis for ELIZABETH BENTLEY to sue WHEELER for defamation of character.

As the Bureau undoubtedly would be aware, these two newspapers are very, very small in size due to their communities, and I did not feel that I should comment concerning WHEELER's letter since apparently Mr. WEBSTER had it all set up as to how it should be handled and had stated that the whole community knows of the situation. As an example of this, WEBSTER cited the point that there is another family, wholly innocent, named WHEELER who also live in Sequim who have had to take the trouble to advise everybody in Sequim and Port Angeles that there is no connection of their family with the subject, inasmuch as they are receiving considerable abuse and derision by the public, the stores, etc., in these two places because they think this is the subject's family. In view of this over-all situation, no comment was made by me at the time as I felt that the Bureau should not dignify WHEELER's comments beyond the action already taken.

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DIRECTOR, FBI  
RE: DONALD NIVEN WHEELER  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

SAC, SEATTLE  
December 8, 1953

Mr. WEBSTER states that he intends to pursue this matter somewhat further in that at the time his office telephonically called WHEELER to get more detail about the subpoena to San Francisco, WHEELER stated that he would not argue the question now as to his membership in the Party and gave an additional answer that was intended to make the newspaper believe the problem had been all settled at the time he was subpoenaed in 1948. WEBSTER has checked and advises that although it is common rumor that WHEELER was subpoenaed, they could not find that he had ever testified in any way on the situation. He intends to probe further as to this to connect it up.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any developments.

## Office Memorandum • UNITEL • GOVERNMENT

TO : A. M. Belmont

DATE: December 8, 1953

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
(*"Meet the Press"* interview of December 6, 1953)

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SYNOPSIS:

Elizabeth Bentley appeared on the television show, "Meet the Press," on Sunday, 12/6/53. In response to a question she stated that she had given all her information to the FBI. She said that she did not know if the FBI knew of her espionage activities before she confessed to them in 1945. Miss Bentley commented that she has no reason to change any testimony previously given. She observed that she never met Harry Dexter White but did see information that he passed, and accepted the word of Silvermaster that White was part of his group. Miss Bentley suggested that anyone involved in espionage activities who wished to break away should go to the FBI where they would be well treated. Miss Bentley advised a former Special Agent on 12/6/53 that the Director's comments about her before the Jenner Committee were wonderful. Although she had hesitated before, she now intends to write the Director and thank him for his remarks.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is furnished for your information.

DETAILS:

On December 6, 1953, Elizabeth Bentley appeared on the television show, "Meet the Press." Larry Spivak was moderator, and the following comprised the questioning panel: Richard Wilson, Cowles Publications; Raymond Brandt, St. Louis Post Dispatch; John Ladijan, Hearst Publications; Robert Ellis, Louisville Courier Journal.

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Mr. Spivak introduced Miss Bentley as a former Soviet spy and courier. He then read the Director's comments about Miss Bentley's reliability and accuracy as given by the Director in his testimony before the Jenner Committee on November 17, 1953.

Miss Bentley then declined to answer a question as to whether or not she had personal knowledge that any U. S. Government employees were now spying for Russia. She stated that she had given all her information to the FBI. She was asked if she recalled testifying in August, 1951, that Lester Pearson (Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs) had been used by a Communist spy ring. Miss Bentley said that she could not remember all the testimony she gave before committees and could not comment on the Pearson questioning unless she had an opportunity to review her testimony. In answer to another question Miss Bentley said that she did not know if the FBI knew of her activities before she confessed to the FBI in 1945. She said she was not induced to break from her espionage activities by the FBI. She pointed out that the Russians had tried to bribe her, and this was the deciding factor in her break. She intimated that her idealism was shattered by the monetary offering.

Miss Bentley declared that she has no reason to now change any testimony that she has given previously.

In connection with the Harry Dexter White case she said that she had never met White, pursuant to his wish, but she saw material that he passed and she was told by Silvermaster that White was part of his group.

Miss Bentley was asked if she was under suspicion during the years that she was involved in Soviet espionage and she advised Mr. Spivak that he would have to ask the Director that question. Spivak then asked about Earl Browder and Bentley replied that Browder knew a great deal about the Communist conspiracy in the United States.

In answer to a question from Mr. Wilson as to what action she would recommend to people who are involved in espionage and who are on the verge of breaking, Miss Bentley suggested that such individuals should go to the FBI where they would be well treated.

Miss Bentley was asked a number of questions in which her opinions were solicited and any responses she made would necessarily be conjectural. She was generally successful in avoiding answering such questions. It might be stated that Miss Bentley handled herself quite well on the program while the newspapermen involved created the impression that they did not know what to ask Miss Bentley.

Former Special Agent J. M. Kelly, who handled Bentley in New York starting in November, 1945, telephonically contacted Supervisor R. J. Lamphere on December 7, 1953. Kelly said that Bentley had called him from the airport on Sunday, December 6, 1953, at which time she was returning to Louisiana. (The program, "Meet the Press" had been filmed on Saturday) Bentley told Kelly that the Director's comments concerning her before the Jenner Committee were wonderful and made her feel like a different person. She said such comments had given her a fresh outlook. She said she had hesitated writing the Director about the fine remarks he had made, but she now believes that when she returns to Louisiana she will write to the Director thanking him for his comments. Kelly told her he thought it would be perfectly proper for her to do this.

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**Elizabeth Bentley Signs  
To 'Meet the Press'**

New York, Dec. 1 (INS)—  
Elizabeth Bentley, former Soviet  
spy ring courier, was signed  
Tuesday to appear next Sunday  
night on the "Meet the Press"  
television and radio programs.  
Miss Bentley, whose testimony  
led to the perjury conviction of  
William W. Remington, former  
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TESTIMONY OF ELIZABETH BENTLEY

OR

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DECEMBER 6, 1953

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Washington 25, D. C.

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Date: November 25, 1953  
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Ottawa, Canada  
Subject: HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
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TO: Director, FBI (100-365040)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-95068)  
SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was  
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OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Date 12/10/53

Rebulet dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, FESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENFLEYS book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which exceeds upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages, 130, 137 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENFLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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FROM: SAC, New York (100-83935)  
SUBJECT: CHARLES KRAMER, was  
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(OO: Portland)

12/10/53

ReBuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 239 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENFLEVIS signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264). N.Y. File

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FROM: SAC, New York (100-13444)  
SUBJECT : JOSEPH NORTH, wa  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 156, 178, 210 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (100-342716)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-79426)

SUBJECT : JOSEPH BERNARD GREGG, was  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO: Washington Field)

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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 261 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1949, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (101-6611)  
FROM: SAC, New York (101-643)  
SUBJECT: ROBERT TALBOTT MILLER III  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 137, 138, 139, 155, 261 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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FROM: SAC, New York (100-95067)  
SUBJECT : CEDRIC BELFRAGE  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 201, 202 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (100-310008)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-50984)

SUBJECT : THEODORE BAYER, was  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Date 12/10/53

RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 124 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-14609)  
NEW ORLEANS (134-89)  
ELIZABETH BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION. AN  
ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NEW YORK MIRROR OF DECEMBER 9, 1953,  
REFLECTS ARTICLES ENTITLED, "MY OWN STORY," BY ELIZABETH  
BENTLEY ARE TO START IN THE SUNDAY MIRROR. YOU ARE TO IMMEDIATELY  
FORWARD EACH ARTICLE AS IT APPEARS TO THE BUREAU WITH A SHORT  
ANALYSIS SETTING FORTH ANY INFORMATION IN THE ARTICLES NOT  
PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO THE BUREAU BY BENTLEY. ANY SUCH INFORMATION  
SHOULD ALSO BE THE BASIS FOR LEADS TO THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE TO  
INTERVIEW BENTLEY. YOU SHOULD ALSO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT COPIES OF  
THE ARTICLE TO CHANNELIZE THE INFORMATION TO THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL  
FILES ON PERSONS NAMED BY BENTLEY. THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN LINE  
WITH THE BUREAU'S PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS TO YOU CONCERNING BENTLEY'S  
BOOK, "OUT OF BONDAGE." THIS MATTER IS TO BE EXPEDITIOUSLY  
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Every American  
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**"MY  
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By  
**Elizabeth Bentley**  
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Date: 12/10/53

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TO : Director, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 12/16/53

ReBuair-tel 12/10/53. Forwarded herewith are clippings of articles by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY which appeared in the "New York Daily Mirror" on 12/13, 14, 15, 16/53. These are the first four of a six article series which is appearing in the "New York Daily Mirror". It would seem apparent that BENTLEY'S material was closely edited by the publishers of the stories and that in so doing some minor changes have been made to give the articles more reader appeal. It would also appear that the material is basically the same as that originally furnished by BENTLEY to Bureau agents. It is also observed that practically all the material in these articles also appears in Miss BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage". It is possible that BENTLEY in rewriting this material in its present form may have "dressed up" the material to point out the importance of the information which she had.

Attention is called to the article appearing in the "New York Daily Mirror" on 12/13/53, in which she relates that WHITE furnished information that Secretary of Treasury MORGANTHAU was disgruntled with the reception Moscow was giving American lend-lease effort and WHITE'S suggestion that an accolade for the work being done by the US toward winning the war be included in a speech by STALIN. This information is basically the same as that originally furnished by BENTLEY to Bureau agents regarding this incident.

Information relative to LAUCHLIN CURRIE contained in the article appearing on 12/15/53, appears to be a more colorful portrayal by BENTLEY of information previously given by her to the Bureau and it appears she may be augmenting facts originally known to her with information she has obtained through Congressional hearings and other sources since her original statement.

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It does not appear that she has told the Bureau of the instructions SILVERMASTER received when in danger of being ousted from Government service as a disloyal person to contact CURRIE and WILK, although the part CURRIE played in this matter is well documented and is mentioned in BENTLEY'S book "Out of Londege" on page 174. CURRIE'S file indicates that this information probably also appeared in BENTLEY'S testimony before the HCUA, inasmuch as he replied to this charge in his own testimony.

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Material appearing in the article of 12/13/43 concerning the existence of the "third spy ring" in Washington is similar to material furnished by her in her signed statement of 11/30/45, (page 105 of the report of SA THOMAS G. SILVERMASTER, NY, 12/5/45) concerning HAROLD GLASSER and other statements which she has made to the press, at the Congressional Committee hearings and elsewhere.

Copies of the remaining two articles to appear will be forwarded following their appearance with an accompanying analysis of the information appearing therein.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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LAUCHLIN BERNARD CURRIE, WAS, ESP-R, BUFILE ONE NAUGHT ONE DASH THREE SIX ONE SIX, WFO ONE HUNDRED DASH TWO ONE SIX NAUGHT FOUR. REBULET IN THIS CASE TO WFO AND NO DEC FOURTH FIFTYTHREE WITH ATTACHED DEPARTMENTAL MEMO DATED DEC FIRST FIFTYTHREE AND NY LETTER TO BUREAU AND NO DEC SIXTEENTH FIFTYTHREE CAPTIONED "ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, ESP-R," IN ARTICLE APPEARING NY NEWSPAPER "DAILY MIRROR" DED FIFTEEN FIFTYTHREE BENTLEY QUOTED AS ADVISING THAT ONE OF LAUCHLIN CURRIE-S MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS WAS GIVING REFERENCES TO MEMBERS OF THE ESPIONAGE NETWORK TO EITHER GET THEM PROMOTED OR SHIFTED TO MORE "PRODUCTIVE" JOBS IN OTHER AGENCIES. SHE SAID RUSSIAN SECRET POLICE REPRESENTATIVES DECIDED NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER SHOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND PLACED IN A MORE STRATEGIC POST AND WITH THE HELP OF CURRIE AND HARRY DEXTER WHITE SILVERMASTER WAS TRANSFERRED FROM FSA TO THE BOARD OF ECONOMIC WARFARE. SHE IS ALSO QUOTED THAT SILVERMASTER WHEN UNDER INVESTIGATION AS A COMMUNIST, WAS ADVISED TO SIT TIGHT AND TOLD TO CONTACT CURRIE AND WHITE AND THAT THESE TWO OFFICIALS USING

ALL THE POWER OF THEIR HIGH OFFICES BROUGHT PRESSURE TO BEAR ON UNDERSECRETARY OF WAR PATTERSON WHICH SHE WAS INVOLVED IN THE

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RETURN OF SILVERMASTER TO THE FSA WITH NO BLEMISH ON HIS RECORD. BENTLEY ALSO QUOTED REGARDING CURRIE-S ADVISING ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN THAT THE AMERICANS HAD JUST BROKEN A SOVIET CODE. SHE STATES THE RUSSIANS WERE BURNING TO DISCOVER WHAT CODE IT WAS THAT WAS NO LONGER USEFUL TO THEM AND FOR WEEKS IT WAS THE JOB OF THE ESPIONAGE APPARATUS TO TRY TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CODE BUT SAID THIS ONE TIME THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO FULFIL THE RUSSIANS- DEMANDS. IN BENTLEY-S BOOK, "OUT OF BONDAGE", PAGE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYTWO, SHE MENTIONS THAT SILVERMASTER SECURED HIS POSITION WITH THE BEW WITH THE AID OF CURRIE AND WHITE AND ON PAGE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYTHREE STATES THAT SHE TOLD SILVERMASTER WHEN HE WAS FACED WITH THE CHARGE OF BEING A COMMUNIST NOT TO RESIGN FROM THE BEW BUT TO STAND HIS GROUND, PULL EVERY STRING HE COULD TO GET THIS BUSINESS QUASHED AND TO USE CURRIE AND WHITE AND ANYONE ELSE HE KNEW AND TRUSTED. SHE CONTINUED THAT HER SOVIET SUPERIORS AGREED WITH HER ON HER ANALYSIS AND THAT SILVERMASTER WAS TOLD TO STAY AND FIGHT BACK. ON PAGE TWO HUNDRED SIXTYTHREE, BENTLEY WROTE THAT EARL BROWDER TOLD HER HE HAD ENGINEERED HIS MEETING WITH SUMNER WELLES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT THROUGH CURRIE. IN BENTLEY-S  
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FIRST STATEMENT TO THE BUREAU AT NY NOV EIGHTH FORTYFIVE, SHE MENTIONS THAT IN THE SPRING OF FORTYFOUR CURRIE CAME RUSHING TO SILVERMAN AND TOLD HIM SOMEONE IN THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WAS ON THE VERGE OF BREAKING THE SOVIET CODE AND THAT THEY ALMOST HAD IT. SHE SAID SILVERMAN RUSHED TO SILVERMASTER AND SILVERMASTER TOLD HER. BENTLEY ALSO SAID SHE REMEMBERED TELLING "UNKNOWN SUBJECT BILL" AND THAT HE SAID "WELL, IS IT A TRAP OR ISN-T IT A TRAP." IN HER STATEMENT BENTLEY CONTINUED THAT WAS ALL THERE WAS TO IT. IT IS NOTED THAT BENTLEY WAS INTRODUCED TO "BILL" ON NOVEMBER TWENTYNINTH FORTYTHREE AND WAS IN CONTACT WITH HIM UNTIL APPROX SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH FORTYFOUR. IN HCUA HEARINGS IN FORTYEIGHT BENTLEY TESTIFIED THAT OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY CURRIE CONCERNED US RELATIONS WITH CHINA SUCH AS WHETHER US WOULD SUPPORT CHIANG KAI-SHEK OR THE EIGHT ROUTE ARMY PEOPLE. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT BENTLEY TOLD THE BUREAU OF INSTRUCTIONS SILVERMASTER RECEIVED WHEN IN DANGER OF BEING OUSTED FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE AS A DISLOYAL PERSON TO CONTACT CURRIE AND WHITE OR THE ATTEMPTS TAKEN BY THE SILVERMASTER GROUP TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE SOVIET CODE WHICH CURRIE HAD ADVISED SILVERMAN THE US WAS ON THE VERGE OF BREAKING. IN NO INTERVIEWS WITH BENTLEY THE ABOVE INFO SHOULD BE UTILIZED TO INSURE THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL INFO IN HER POSSESSION REGARDING CURRIE

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AND HIS ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SILVERMASTER GROUP.  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 12/22/53

ReBuair-tel, 12/10/53 and my letter 12/16/53.

Forwarded herewith are clippings of articles by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY which appeared in the "New York Daily Mirror" on 12/17 and 18/53. These are the last two of a series of six articles which appeared in this newspaper. Comments made in referenced New York letter of 12/16/53 also appear to apply to the enclosed articles.

Attention is called to remarks contained in the article of 12/17/53, concerning WILLIAM BATT of the WPE, in which Miss BENTLEY states, "I recall that one official about whom the Russians never seemed to be able to obtain enough information was a WILLIAM BATT of the War Production Board. His name came up time and again."

"The members of the espionage rings would be asked to give their evaluation of the 'attitude' of the U. S. official under study, and these reports would then be handed back to the Russians for their guidance."

These remarks appear to place somewhat more emphasis on the Russian's curiosity concerning BATT than has been furnished by BENTLEY heretofore. However, it is noted that in her book, "Out of Bondage", on pages 169 and 170, she makes the following statements:

"What the Russians wanted to know was practically limitless. They asked for information on Communists they were considering taking on as agents, on anti-Soviet elements in Washington, on the attitudes of high up Government officials in a position to help or hinder the Soviet Union -- such as WILLIAM BATT of the War Production Board."

In the article of 12/18/53, BENTLEY stated that WHITE had proposed to Secretary of Treasury MORGENTHAU that the Treasury exchange secret information with other strategic Government agencies and that when this plan was ultimately in full operation the Treasury was trading information with seven or eight agencies, all of which vital data funneled through WHITE and he, in turn, passed it on to the spy ring.

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It is believed these remarks may be based, in part, on information which WHITE has picked up from other sources concerning WHITE and "dressed up" for publication at this time because of the current interest in WHITE.

New Orleans should interview Miss BEILEY fully regarding the identities of her principals, who made the inquiries concerning WILLIAM LATT, and the identity of persons who furnished information concerning him, together with the nature of any such information furnished to her.

New Orleans should also question Miss BEILEY further with regard to the basis for her remarks concerning WHITE having been instrumental in persuading Secretary of Treasury MORGANTHAU into formulating a policy of exchanging secret information with other Government agencies. She should be asked if she at this time recalls any further information which was furnished to her by WHITE as a result of this policy.

# EX-Spy Queen Tells Own Story

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# Line Ran Straight To Stalin, Says Bentley

**T**HIS is the first article of a six-part series by Elizabeth Bentley, an admitted former Soviet spy courier, whose testimony naming 37 persons as agents in Red networks operating in the U. S. has been labeled entirely accurate by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In this series—the first she has ever written for any newspaper—she goes behind the scenes of espionage operations, names the high-placed officials who stole American secrets, tells of some specific acts of treachery accomplished by Americans who were espionage agents for the Soviet.

In today's article, she relates a hitherto unknown incident of high-level espionage intrigue and tells how she first entered the Communist Party.

**By ELIZABETH BENTLEY**

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**T**HE names of Harry Dexter White, William Ludwig Ullman, Harold Glasser and other persons identified with a Soviet espionage ring whose tentacles were deep inside the United States government have been appearing in the nation's headlines. The disclosures at long last are being brought with the impact they deserve to the attention of the American people.

The knowledge of the insidious operations of the Russian Soviet spy network comes understandably as a brutal shock to millions of Americans. The question naturally arises whether it is true that vital American secrets, information upon which depended the nation's security and safety, were actually passed with such impunity and such great volume to Soviet agents by persons in positions of trust and importance in the U. S. Government.

I can attest that they were.

I know this not as a matter of conjecture or from second-hand information. I know it because I was one of the most important cogs in the Russian spy system which operated—and probably still is operating—in the U. S.

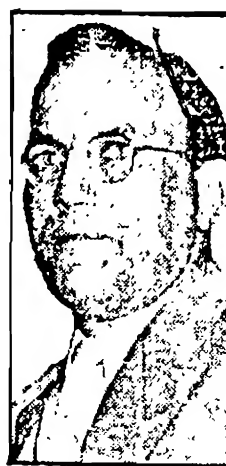
It was my job, indeed my "duty," during the decade I was a member of the Soviet underground to collect stolen secrets from American agents and transmit them directly to



Harry D. White



Nathan Silvermaster



Harold Glasser

Named in Elizabeth Bentley's startling testimony.

representatives of the Russian secret police here. These spies were everywhere. In the most sensitive wartime bureaus, in the Army, the Air Force, the State Department, the Treasury Department, the White House itself.

These agents, men like Harry Dexter White, Lauchlin Currie, Victor Perlo, Maurice Halperin, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and others, were not professional paid spies. They were men who knowingly—or with minds deliberately closed against recognition of this knowledge—acted as spies on "ideological" grounds.

I saw the documents they stole. I listened to the secret information they transmitted verbally. I collected the Communist Party dues from many of them. I brought them their orders from the Soviet superiors. I was the watchdog set over them to keep them in line and to spur them on to greater espionage activity.

As I look back upon this turbulent, terrible, misguided phase of my life, even I find it hard to believe how important was the information I funneled into the espionage channels that led directly to Moscow.

I recall how on one occasion, the very tone of international relations between the United States and Russia was affected by my underground work. It was during World War II, when the United States was supplying the sinews of war and astronomical sums of money to the Russians.

In one of my bi-weekly meetings with Silvermaster, who

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headed one of the two major spy groups I "controlled," he reported to me that he had a message from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Harry Dexter White. White, he said, had informed him that Treasury Secretary Morgenthau was unhappy and disgruntled with the reception Moscow was giving the gigantic American lend-lease effort.

"Those damn Russians don't seem to appreciate what we are doing," White quoted Morgenthau.

**WHITE TOLD** Silvermaster that it was of the utmost importance that Morgenthau be placated, that this powerful official of the U. S. Government be kept in a receptive mood towards Russia's unceasing demands for more military equipment, for more funds, Morgenthau, he said, must not become resistant to the unremitting pressure for greater monetary allocations for the Soviet.

White, Silvermaster told me, suggested that it would be a master stroke for Premier Stalin to include in one of his speeches an accolade for the work being done by the United States toward winning the war.

This information I passed on to my Soviet "contact" in New York upon my return from Washington. The message was forwarded instantly to Moscow. And in due course, Stalin carried out White's suggestion. Stalin publicly paid tribute to U. S. productivity and the part it was playing in the global struggle against Nazi aggression, and to the importance of the entire lend-lease program.

**MORGENTHAU WAS** placated. Thanks to the Soviet espionage system, one of the most important officials in wartime Washington had been convinced in the "attitude" desired by White and required by the Russians.

But it was many years after I became a Communist before I was entrusted with such high-level courier work. First, I had to be cast in the Communist mold, blinded by its dogma, enslaved by its discipline.

I am telling my story now, revealing never-before-told facts of the Soviet espionage system, to strengthen the alert that is now being sounded across our land. Soviet espionage is not fanciful, haphazard, sporadic or ineffectual.

**IT IS REAL,** factual, effective and terribly, incredibly dangerous.

I was born Elizabeth Terrill Bentley in 1908 in New Milford, Conn., only child of Mary

Charlotte Turrill, a school teacher, and Charles Prentiss Bentley, son of a Baptist preacher and a small-time businessman.

Both my parents were Republicans, indeed my father was a member of the Republican Committee in New Milford. Both were liberal-minded in that they had a strong sense of social justice about society's unfortunates, but they did not believe in any specific "liberal" political doctrine.

**AFTER BEING GRADUATED** from Vassar, where I majored in English and romance languages, I enrolled for a master's degree at Columbia and then spent one year studying on a scholarship at the University of Florence in Italy.

Italy was then under the Fascist heel and what I saw there inspired in me a burning hatred of fascism. I returned to this country in 1931 in the midst of a major depression. I felt that American democracy was falling apart at the seams, that fascism was a major threat to the U.S.

Eager to do something to combat this menace, I was easy prey for the American League Against War and Fascism, an organization which, although I did not know it at the time, was under the control of the Communist Party.

**BROUGHT INTO THE LEAGUE** by Lee Fuhr, a nurse studying at Teachers' College, I was gratified that I was now working for justice and humanity. The next step, in retrospect, was inevitable. The pressure brought to bear upon me by members of the League to join the Communist Party was irresistible.

I was enjoined, derided and ostracized for my uncertainty about joining the Party. I was made to feel that I was a traitor to my high ideals if I did not join the only militant group working for social justice.

And so, in March, 1935, more from a desire to conform than from conviction, I joined the Party and took the Party name of

Elizabeth Sherman after one of my Colonial ancestors.

**THIS I BECAME** a Communist to fight the good fight. How startled I would have been had I been told then that I had taken the first step toward becoming one of the most important couriers for the Soviet espionage system in the U. S.

*(Tomorrow: Miss Bentley says two additional spy rings, not yet disclosed, are still functioning. The fantastic "occupation marks" episode by American agents. She joins the Communist underground.)*



Elizabeth Bentley, now teaching in a small Southern college, as she appears today.

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# Bentley Finds Third Spy Rin

By ELIZABETH BENTLEY

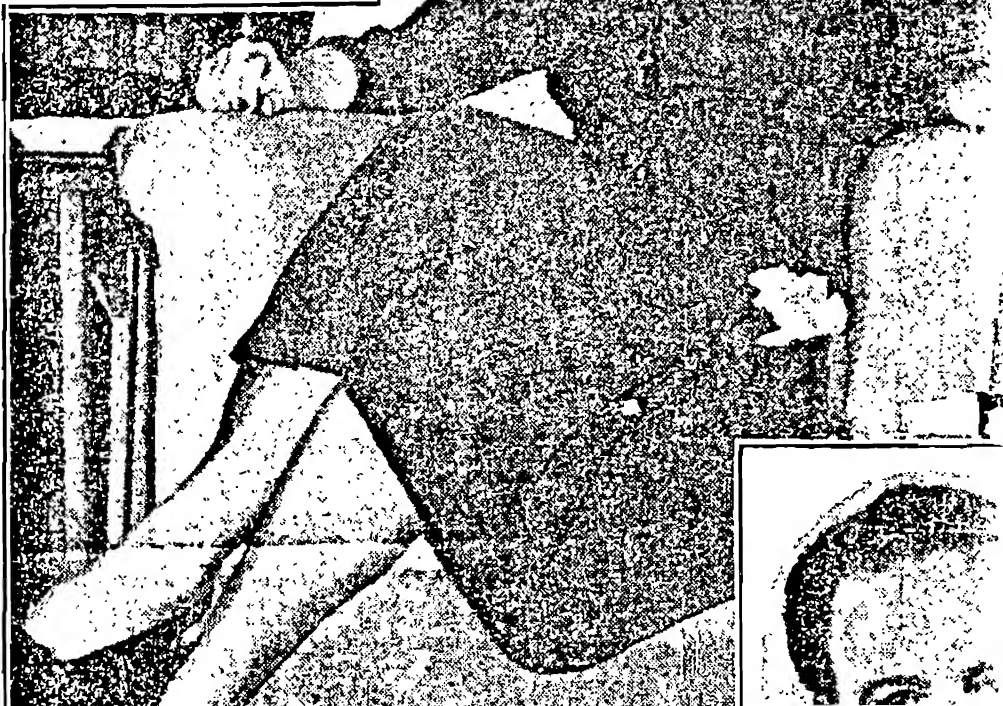
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HAROLD GLASSER, shown in recent disclosures to have been pr in the Treasury Department despite adverse FBI reports, was a of one of the two spy rings which were under my "control" in Wasl I shall have more to say about the operations of these two rings la But, I should like to relate here the strange circumstances which led discovery of a third espionage ring through agent Glasser.

In my position as go-between for my two spy rings and the Soviet secret police representatives in New York, I did not deal directly with Glasser. Whatever documents and information he stole from the Treasury files were handed over to his chief, Victor Perlo, later economic analyst for the Treasury's division of Monetary Research, but then with the War Production Board.

Perlo, in turn, handed them over to me for transmission to my Soviet chief when I met him in New York. Unless it was disregarded for very unusual circumstances, it was an inflexible rule that our American agents have as little to do as possible

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**ELIZABETH BENTLEY**  
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**JACOB GOLOS**  
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## Wife Was They're Untied

wife of a United Nations political divorce Saturday in New Haven charged that her husband chose the time to let her know that

had prepared for their guests on Park Ave. and, instead, spent the afternoon with a couple of old friends whose names were Halg & Halg.

LATER, SHE added, he suggested they "go out and have some real fun" and they adjourned to a Manhattan nightclub, where Ahmed acted like a terrible Turk. He asked strange ladies to dance, said Maria, and got into a political argument with strangers at the bar. When she suggested they leave, she charged, he let her have it—pow!

Ahmed then moved out—bag, luggage and hop records—and, a short time later notified her he was taking a leave of absence from his U.N. post to catch a fast magic carpet back to Constantinople to write a book. As his wife, Maria was quoted as saying, Maria should make the trip with him.

Maria told Ahmed to go climb a tree and get herself a lawyer.

with their superiors in the conspiracy.

However, reports kept reaching me that Glasser was trying desperately to learn who I was and to make contact with me. It was reported that he was dissatisfied with his role as a member of the Perlo group. At best, Perlo was a nervous irascible, taut man and Glasser apparently found it difficult to function under his direction. Glasser wanted to make a new contact.

I began to make inquiries about Glasser from the other agents. It developed that Glasser for a short time had been separated from the Perlo group. He had been taken out, turned over to a man who was in direct contact with the Russians—and then returned to the Perlo group.

Although I was high in the espionage hierarchy, there were areas of activity about which I knew nothing. I made an effort to discover who this man was.

At first, I could find out nothing. Then, Charlie Kramer, who was working for the Kilgore Committee and kept me apprised of Capitol Hill developments, told me the man who turned Glasser over temporarily to direct Soviet control was somebody in the State Department.

This to me was positive evidence that a third spy ring was in operation in Washington.

Then, on another occasion, my own Soviet contact let it slip that yet a fourth spy group was functioning in government. This was no idle hearsay. It came from a man whose sole function in the U. S. was to know about the activities of these groups and whose very life was forfeit upon his return to Russia if he failed in his mission.

I was convinced then as I am today that these two groups were patterned after those which were assigned to me. The

activities of my group been exposed, their contacts smashed and their mission subverted.

But nothing has been about the other two rings.

Now, let it be clearly stood—and I speak from experience with the Soviet ally—that the Russian nists will never willingly a productive espionage. They are stubborn, res and arrogant to the point nationalism. There is no suppose they called a hat other two spy rings unless longer suited their purpose.

But how could these

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# ***First A-Bomb Tip Given to Ring By Aide of 'Wild Bill'***

—By ELIZABETH BENTLEY—

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*Elizabeth Bentley, former top-ranking courier for the Soviet espionage network in the U. S., here tells of her contact within the White House itself. In this third article of an exclusive six-part series, she tells how this contact saved an ace spy from detection.*

Once I began acting as the courier for the American agents stationed in Washington, I found there were three categories of spies with whom I had to maintain contact. One was the Silvermaster group, the second was the Perle group and the third was individuals who were not assigned to a specific group but with whom I dealt directly.

ONE SUCH INDIVIDUAL was Maj. Duncan Lee, a confidential assistant to Gen. William "Wild Bill" Donovan, who was head of the Office of Strategic Services. Lee, who had been a member of the Communist faction in the Institute of Pacific Relations, was a valuable source of information but his personality was such that it was my constant headache to keep him from throwing over the traces.

UNLIKE the other agents, who for the most part were imbued with a steely determination to carry out their missions despite the ever-present dangers of discovery and disclosure, Lee was always fearful that his dual role would be uncovered by the FBI.

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**YET, HE WAS** too valuable to be separated from the apparatus. I recall that in 1944, it was Lee who passed on to me certain puzzling information. With the benefit of the years that have intervened, I can realize now that he was referring to a matter involving the greatest danger to the United States and to the safety of the world itself.

During my work in Washington, I had nothing to do with atomic activity and knew nothing about it. So when Lee reported that something hush-hush was going on in Oak Ridge, Tenn., I passed along this intelligence to the Soviets with absolutely no suspicion of what was involved.

**LEE, TOO,** could add no further details. But it can be taken for granted that the Russians promptly investigated the report -- and the true evaluation of this tip to the Russians will possibly be made public some day.

**WHILE MOST** of my contacts were spread over the various wartime agencies in Washington, one of them operated directly in the White House itself. He was Lauchlin Currie, administrative assistant to President Roosevelt.

**A FULL-FLEDGED** member of the Silvermaster group, Currie was invaluable to us when any emergency arose. In addition, one of his most important functions was giving references to members of the espionage network to either get them promoted or shifted to more "productive" jobs in other agencies.

**CURRIE PROVED** his importance to us when the entire structure of the Soviet spy system in Washington was menaced and disastrous disclosure seemed imminent. Thanks to the help he gave, the spy ring squeaked through the danger and emerged with a new, vigorous lease on life.

It happened this way: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster was one of the most courageous, productive and versatile agents in the entire Washington setup. To make him even more useful, the Russian Secret Police representatives decided he should be taken out of the Farm Security Administration

transferred from the FSA to the Board of Economic Warfare, where he became head of the Middle East Division.

Six months later, the blow struck. A letter from General Strong, head of Army Intelligence, was sent to Silvermaster's superior stating that the FBI, the Office of Naval Intelligence and other police agencies on the West Coast had discovered that Silvermaster was a Communist and was disloyal to the United States.

**SILVERMASTER,** ordinarily calm and fearless, was shaken and distraught. Unable to decide on a course of action, he was advised by his and my superiors in the Soviet secret police to sit tight. Meanwhile, he was told to contact Currie and White.

**THESE TWO** officials, using all the power of their high offices, brought pressure to bear upon Under Secretary of War Robert E. Patterson while the entire espionage system virtually held its breath.

The results were gratifying.

After about three months of interminable waiting, Patterson directed the War Department to cancel its demands for Silvermaster's dismissal, and the ace spy was permitted to return to the Farm Security Administration with absolutely no official blemish on his record.

and placed in a more strategic post.

**WITH THE HELP** of Currie, who became Roosevelt's adviser on Far Eastern affairs, and of Harry Dexter White, the Treasury official, Silvermaster was

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AT OTHER TIME, Currie sent word to George Silverman, who was his personal friend, that the Americans had just broken a Soviet code. When this red-hot information was transmitted to the Russians, they naturally, were burning to discover what code it was that was no longer useful to them.

FOR WEEKS, it was our job to try to find out about the code, but this one time we were unable to fulfill the Russians' demands.

I began the Washington phase of my undercover work for the Communists when Jacob Golos, the powerful American Communist and member of the Russian secret police with whom I was in love, told me he wanted to undertake the contact work for the espionage groups operating there.

I agreed, of course, despite Golos' warning that I was beginning a dangerous assignment.

ACTUALLY, I HAD already been acting as a courier for information emanating from Washington, but on a secondary level. I had been put in contact with Mary Price, a veteran Communist who was the secretary of Walter Lippmann.

Mary would ransack the files of Lippmann's Washington office and extract whatever she thought would be useful to the Russian intelligence agents.

MARY PROVED useful, too, when I traveled to Washington to pick up my bi-weekly haul of stolen documents. It was too dangerous for me to register at a hotel where the FBI could note the regularity of my visits and I frequently stayed overnight at Mary's apartment.

Mary, incidentally, like Lee,

#### ROLES REVEALED IN THE BETRAYAL OF A NATION



Duncan Lee



Mary Price



Nathan Silvermaster

Named by Miss Bentley in her startling spy disclosures.

was given to recurrent frights and fears, always imagining that sooner or later the FBI would crack down on her. Whenever I found her in one of these moods, I would take her out, wine and dine her, give her a pep talk about the importance of the work she was doing and inspire her with new confidence.

I, too, had my fears about the FBI, but I had learned to master them and I became adept at using evasive techniques.

THE BURDEN of my work was heavy, almost crushing. Not only was I a courier, but I also had become an executive of World Tourists, which had been established by the Communist

Party as a cover and as a means of sending tourists to Russia.

I also was an executive of the U.S. Service & Shipping Corporation, which had been organized by Golos to take over some of the activities of World Tourists.

EXCEPT FOR my personal association with Golos, I had no life of my own. Every moment was sacrificed to the dictates of the Communist Party apparatus and the Soviet espionage system.

Tomorrow: Miss Bentley discusses the two major spy groups in Washington and tells how a Communist secretary was supplied for Harry Dexter White.)

# **Top-Secret D-Day Was Open Secret To Red Spy Ring**

By **ELIZABETH BENTLEY**

*Elizabeth Bentley, formerly one of the most important couriers for the Soviet espionage conspiracy in the U. S., continues her amazing disclosures of the operation of the Red spy underground. In this fourth article of an exclusive six-part series, she tells how a Communist secretary was supplied for Harry Dexter White.*

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Despite the elaborate precautions taken by the U. S. to safeguard the secrecy of D-Day, when Allied troops were to land in France, the little-known fact is that the Soviet espionage network operating in Washington had discovered the fateful date far in advance of its occurrence and had transmitted it to the Russian secret police in this country.

Even the American spies themselves were overwhelmed with the gigantic success in stealing so closely-guarded a secret. Some of us even doubted the information could be accurate. But subsequent events proved that it was absolutely correct.

**THE SPY RING** headed by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster was probably the most active espionage group operating in Washington. Silvermaster was never an open member of the Communist Party and his group was not an official cell.

When he went to Washington in 1935, he was told by Earl Browder not to tie himself up with any Communist unit, but to act as a "sleeping agent," gathering around him persons who would be able to steal information.

With the help of his wife, Helen, daughter of a Russian Baltic baron and a woman with a history of long involvement in

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the revolutionary movement, he carried out his instructions with amazing success.

**PRINCIPAL AGENTS** of the group, Silvermaster built around him, included among others William L. Ullman, who lived in the Silvermaster home in Washington. Ullman, a major of the U. S. Army Air Forces stationed at the Pentagon, was a prime source of information. He obtained and photographed all kinds of secret data concerning U. S. war plans as well as reports of the FBI which were furnished to G-2 of the Army at the Pentagon.

Another was Harry Dexter White, the high-placed Treasury official who was in charge of monetary research and foreign funds control. Still another was George Silverman, a civilian employe of the War Department.

The bulk of the military information furnished the Soviet secret police was the result of the work by Ullman and Silverman.

**OTHER MEMBERS** of the Silvermaster group included Frank

Coe, Lauchlin Currie, Irving Kaplan (who paid his Communist Party dues through the Victor Berlo spy group) and Sol Adler.

When Kaplan applied for a post with the Federal Works Agency in 1942, he used the names of Currie and George Silverman as character references. This was part of the overall scheme whereby members of the spy network were obligated to aid their co-conspirators to advance to higher positions of trust and importance by recommendations and favored treatment.

But the agents were active, too, in filling lesser posts with persons who would be useful to the espionage ring. For example, at one time Harry Dexter White had a vacancy for a second secretary in his office. He communicated with Helen Silvermaster and notified her he wanted a secretary who was a Communist.

**THE REASON**, he said, was that he wanted to leave important documents around which she could remove from the office.

Helen Silvermaster accordingly went to the Baltimore headquarters of the Communist Party, obtained the name of a suitable candidate and sent word to her to present herself to White for an interview.

However, word was not relayed back to White in time and when the Communist secretary applied to him, he was not aware of her identity and did not hire her.

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When we learned of this, I had to start over again.

**THIS TIME**, White was told who the girl was. When she applied the second time, all persons concerned had been alerted. White hired her immediately and a valuable outlet to the espionage ring was installed in his office.

As the disclosures of Communist espionage infiltration of our high government offices continue to unfold in the nation's headlines, as the names that I once knew as well as my own continue to be dredged from the insidious network of intrigue, let no one be lulled into a false sense of security.

Exposure now does not mean final safety for the nation.

**IT IS WISHFUL**, thinking to believe that the Communist secret police will now call a halt to the activities that have stolen for them some of the country's most vital secrets. America must never lose sight of the basic fact that the goal of the Communist master plan is conquest of the world.

The Communists will not and cannot abandon the espionage arm of their global struggle because some of its activities have been exposed and documented. What these developments mean for them is that henceforth their methods will have to be even more clever, less obvious, more foolproof.

They will continue to ensnare, seduce and impress agents for their spying. This is fact. Any other hope is delusion.

**MY FIRST SOVIET** superior, when I began my assignment as courier for the Washington spy rings, was Jacob Golos. Him I knew best of all. He belonged to what I would call the "old school" of espionage chiefs, which operated on the theory that its agents were people dedicated to certain beliefs which alone were sufficient motivation for their acts.

But when I was assigned to the Soviet superiors who succeeded Golos, I collided with a "new school" of spy chiefs. These were men who treated the American agents with contempt and arrogance. They were the men who sought to enmesh the agents and the spy groups they controlled with rewards of money, gifts, high living and Soviet honors.

I recall how forcibly this was brought home to me when I was taken over by the last Soviet representative with whom I was in contact before I broke loose from the ties that held me to the conspiracy. I had known him only by his code name "Al."

**ONLY LATER**, much later, did I discover that he was Anatol Komov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy, who, according

to the findings of the FBI, had been sent to the U. S. as the successor in Russian secret police activities here to Vassili Zubilin. Zubilin, former Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, was recalled to Moscow in July, 1944.

"Al" importuned me endlessly to accept money for my courier work. The very thought revolted me. I had joined the Communist Party on ideological grounds. I had undertaken my espionage ring assignment under Golos as part of a dedicated service to what I thought was a noble sacrifice for Communist ideals.

However, at the time I had already told my story to the FBI and, acting on their instructions, I accepted the \$2,000 "Al" pressed on me. As soon as I could, I turned the money over to the FBI. I remember the astonishment of the FBI agent who counted the money before stowing it away in an envelope.

**"THE RUSSIANS** must be well-fooled to pass it out as casually as this," he said wonderingly.

Another time, when I was dining with "Al" in Washington, he suddenly sat erect, assumed his most official manner and solemnly announced that he was about to present me with a high honor. The Supreme Predium of the Soviet Union, he said, had awarded me one of its highest decorations, the Order of the Red Star.

It is difficult for me to express the revulsion I felt at the announcement. I had already been shaken by grave doubts about the purposes of the Communist movement and the pattern of its purposes was beginning to cut through the ideological miasma in which I had been imprisoned. This obvious attempt to pay off and buy the services I had willingly performed for what I had believed was the "good fight" was horrifying.

But I dared not let "Al" suspect any of this. As quickly as I could, I ended our meeting and fled, wondering desperately if there was a way out. I was to find the way later.

*Tomorrow: Miss Bentley discusses infiltration of the OSS by Soviet espionage agents and names some of her most important "individual" spy contacts.*

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**WILLIAM L. ULLMAN**  
Force major "obtained all kinds of secret U. S. data."  
(International Photo)



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Gentlemen.

*address and*

Could you be so kind as to forward the enclosed letter to Miss Elizabeth Bentley, as I am sure you must have her address in your files.

The letter I am writing her is in no way concerned with her personal life, but is regarding her New England genealogy which was brought to my attention when I read her story. I have left the letter unsealed so you may check on it.

Thank you kindly.

Very truly yours,

*Margaret B. Mann*

Mrs. Homer C. Mann

Powell, Wyoming.

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Your letter postmarked December 7, 1953, with enclosure, has been received.

While I would <sup>like</sup> to be of assistance to you, I am unable to comply with your request, inasmuch as the forwarding of mail is not one of the functions of this Bureau. I am also unable to furnish you with the address you desire since data in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only.

Your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

NOTE: The letter which correspondent desires forwarded to Mrs. Elizabeth Bentley relates to ancestor of Mrs. Mann whose name is Roger Sherman, and she wants to know if this Roger Sherman is the same individual from whom Mrs. Bentley allegedly descended. Inasmuch as Mrs. Bentley was of help in the past, it is not deemed advisable to furnish her address to individuals who desire to communicate with her concerning various things.

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TO: Director, FBI (101-5230)

FROM: SAC, New York (101-467)

SUBJECT: Dr. JAMES REGAN MENDENHALL  
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(OO: Chicago)

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RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 29 under the name "Comrade LEONARD" is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264). Examination of the manuscript of the book reflects that "Comrade LEONARD" is referred to therein as JAMES MENDENHALL.

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TO: Director, FBI (65-58236)  
FROM: SAC, New York (65-15348)  
SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 138 (referred to as "JULIUS") is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (100-336897)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-69226)  
SUBJECT: BEATRICE CARLIN, was  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Date 12/11/53

RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 78 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264). The book refers to CARLIN as "the girl who had taken PAULINE ROGERS place as organizational secretary of the American League Against War and Fascism". Examination of the manuscript of the book which Miss BENTLEY has made available reflects this person to be BEATRICE CARLIN.

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TO: Direct, FBI (100-1556)

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FROM: SAC, New York (100-268)

SUBJECT : BERNARD SCHUSTER, was -  
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RebuaAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY  
DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH  
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there is no other information (contained in the book) which  
expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the  
Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized  
to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the  
above individual on pages 272 as BERNY SCHUSTER  
is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH  
BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945,  
(65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (100-363168)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-95875)

SUBJECT : HELEN BARRETT TENNEY  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 200, 201, 260, 262, 266, 303, 304, 305, 310 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (100-290503)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-54925)  
SUBJECT: MICHAEL TRACH, was  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 156 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (100-24914)

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FROM: SAC, New York (65-13565)

SUBJECT: AVROM LANDY, was  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 156 under the name AVRAH LANDY, is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York (100-95074)

SUBJECT: OLOA E. PRAYDINA, wa  
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Date 12/11/53

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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 302 as "MARGARET" is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT : FRED ROSE  
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Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages **103** is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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Page 60 of the book reflected that V. J. JEROME attended expulsion proceedings against comrade LAND of Columbia University and JEROME was identified as the Party's authority on theoretical problems. Page 61 contained the brief speech given by JEROME asking for a probationary period for LAND before expelling him.

In view of the fact this information has not been previously furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, the New Orleans office is requested to interview her in order to expand on this information and secure any other information in her possession concerning JEROME.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-11238)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-18129)  
SUBJECT: **FERRUCIO MARINI, was**  
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RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 92, 93, 94, 95 under the name F. BROWN is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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WILLIAM H. BENTLEY  
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ReBureau-tel, 12/10/53 and my letter 12/10/53.

Forwarded herewith are clippings of articles by WILLIAM H. BENTLEY which appeared in the "New York Daily Mirror" on 12/17 and 18/53. These are the last two of a series of six articles which appeared in this newspaper. Comments made in referenced New York letter of 12/10/53 also appear to apply to the enclosed articles.

Attention is called to remarks contained in the article of 12/17/53, concerning WILLIAM H. BENTLEY, in which BENTLEY states, "I recall that one official about whom the Russians never seemed to be able to obtain enough information was WILLIAM H. BENTLEY of the War Production Board. His name came up time and again."

"The members of the espionage rings would be asked to give their evaluation of the 'attitude' of the U. S. official under study, and these reports would then be handed back to the Russians for their guidance."

These remarks appear to place somewhat more emphasis on the Russian's curiosity concerning BENTLEY than has been furnished by BENTLEY heretofore. However, it is noted that in her book, "Out of Bondage", on pages 169 and 170, she makes the following statements:

"What the Russians wanted to know was practically limitless. They asked for information on Communists they were considering taking on as agents, on anti-Soviet elements in Washington, on the attitudes of high up Government officials in a position to help or hinder the Soviet Union -- such as WILLIAM H. BENTLEY of the War Production Board."

In the article of 12/18/53, BENTLEY stated that BENTLEY had proposed to Secretary of Treasury HENRY WALLACE that the Treasury exchange secret information with other strategic Government agencies and that when this plan was ultimately in full operation the Treasury was trading information with seven or eight agencies, all of which vital data funneled through WALLACE and he, in turn, passed it on to the spy ring.

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It is believed these remarks may be based, in part, on information which [redacted] has picked up from other sources concerning [redacted] and "dressed up" for publication at this time because of the current interest in [redacted].

New Orleans should interview Miss [redacted] fully regarding the identities of her principals, who made the inquiries concerning WILLIAM BAILEY, and the identity of persons who furnished information concerning him, together with the nature of any such information furnished to her.

New Orleans should also question Miss [redacted] further with regard to the basis for her remarks concerning [redacted] having been instrumental in persuading Secretary of Treasury ROBERT H. TOLSON into formulating a policy of exchanging secret information with other Government agencies. She should be asked if she at this time recalls any further information which was furnished to her by [redacted] as a result of this policy.

# ***Soviet Agents Bore Deeply Into Office Of Strategic Services***

By ELIZABETH BENTLEY

Elizabeth Bentley, whose revelations to the FBI about her role as a top-ranking courier in the Soviet espionage conspiracy in the U. S. have been labeled "entirely accurate" by FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, continues the amazing story of her spy career. In this fifth article of an exclusive six-part series, she tells the kind of information the Russians demanded the spies transmit to them.

One of the most sensitive U. S. agencies deeply infiltrated by spies for the Soviet espionage system was the Office of Strategic Services.

American spies there were in a particularly productive spot. Through them came an endless flow of highly secret information on what the OSS was doing. Through them we learned, for example, that the OSS was conducting secret negotiations with governments in the Balkan bloc in case World War II ended; that the OSS was parachuting people into Hungary; that OSS men were being sent into Turkey.

**WORLDWIDE INFORMATION** of all sorts was transmitted to the Soviets, plus the contents of State Department cables on vital issues which were shown to the OSS.

The appetite of the Russian secret police in control of the espionage apparatus functioning in the U. S. was insatiable and all-encompassing. Every scrap of information was seized upon and digested by them.

In fact, by the nature of the

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**ELIZABETH BENTLEY**  
Evaluated "attitudes" of officials with whom Reds dealt.  
*(Major Photo)*

questions the Russians asked and the information they wanted, it was possible for us to anticipate the moves they made from the Balkans to the Baltic.

ONE TYPE of request I received regularly from the Soviet



**CHARLES KRAMER**  
Elizabeth Bentley knew him as a member of the "Perlo ring."  
*(AP Photo)*

secret police concerned the "attitudes" of American officials with whom Russian government representatives would have to deal in the lend-lease program and in other activities.

I recall that one official about whom the Russians never seemed to be able to obtain enough information was a William Ball of the War Production Board. His name came up time and again.

The members of the espionage rings would be asked to give their evaluation of the "attitude" of the U. S. official under study and these reports would then be handed back to the Russians for their guidance.

THESE REQUESTS for infor-

mation would be transmitted to me verbally by the Russians, or when they were too numerous to trust to memory, a written list of questions would be handed over. Another recurrent request was for all information which the U. S. had about German planes. Answers to this type of question were generally furnished by the Silvermaster group.

The Russians were also terribly eager for all information about new developments in American aviation and especially for data on the B-29. They insisted that the American agents secure performance figures on all our aircraft. We understood that the Russians were distrustful of the planes being shipped to them under the lend-lease program and were fearful that the U.S. might try to palm off its inferior aircraft on them.

Still another area of international relations in which the Russians were vitally interested was the financial transactions between the U.S. and Great Britain. Always pressing for greater allocations of funds for themselves, the Russians could use the Anglo-American transactions as a guide for their own demands.

THE SOVIET SECRET police also kept hounding the American agents to ferret out all information about U. S. undercover operations in the Nazi-occu-

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# Red Spies Bore Deeply Into OSS

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piet countries so that they could take steps to counteract whatever advantages the U. S. could gain from such activity.

One report the Russians turned over to me for amplification and explanation by American spies concerned the activity of a group of patriots in Hungary who were desperately anxious to keep the Russians from taking over. This group sent a man to Geneva to meet with an OSS agent. In some fashion, the Russians learned of this and demanded additional information on the subject.

I "acquired" the Silvermaster spy group in July, 1941, and in March, 1944, I took over "control" of the second spy group, known as the "Perlo ring." Jacob Golos had died the year before and it was Earl Browder who made the arrangements for me to be the go-between for the Perlo group.

**BROWDER, WHO** was fighting an inter-party intrigue for power and position in the apparatus, told me this second group had been handled by John Abt, but since Abt was in the public eye (he was at one time general counsel for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America), I must take it over.

I made first contact with the group in Abt's Central Park West apartment, where I met also Victor Perlo and Charlie Kramer.

Besides Perlo, Abt and Kramer, others in the group included Edward Fitzgerald, of the War Production Board; Harry Magdoff, of the War Production Board; Donald Wheeler, of the OSS; and Alan Rosenberg.

**STILL OTHER** members of the Perlo ring, whom I did not meet personally but for whom I acted as courier, included Sol Leshin, of UNRRA; George Perazich, of UNRRA; and Harold Glasser, of Treasury.

There was a category of American spies who operated as individuals and were not a part of any organized group. Among these were Helen Tenney, of the OSS; J. Julius Joseph, of the OSS; Maurice Hadperin, head of research and analysis, Latin American branch of the OSS; Robert Miller, head of the political division of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs; Joseph Gregg, Miller's assistant; Bernard Redmont, in the press division of the CIAA; and William Remington of the War Production Board.

Silvermaster's home in Washington was an important base because of the photographic lab operated in his basement by Ullman. It was in this lab that stolen documents of every imaginable type were copied on microfilm. The rolls were then brought to New York by me.

**SO GREAT** was the deluge of stolen documents at one period that there simply wasn't enough first-grade film to photograph them and Ullman's job was greatly complicated by the interior material with which he had to work.

I would carry the film, documents and other materials in a casual bundle to New York where I would turn them over to my Soviet contact. The procedure was simple and the simplicity probably explains why it continued so long so successfully.

Carrying my innocent-looking bundle, I would meet the contact somewhere and we would walk into a convenient cafe or restaurant to dine. The Soviet agent would offer to help me with my bundle and I, naturally, would thank him and pass it over. After we had eaten, he would hold on to the bundle and we would part company.

**AT OTHER TIMES,** I would

carry my material in a dispatch case and proceed to a newsreel theatre in the midtown area. Taking a seat in the rear, I would wait for the Soviet agent—with whom all this had been arranged—to enter with a similar dispatch case and sit beside me. We would then exchange cases surreptitiously in the semi-darkness and he would leave the theatre with the material securely in his possession.

**Tomorrow:** Miss Bentley writes the concluding article of her fascinating series and tells of her first approach to the FBI.

# White Arranged Secrets Exchange For Spy Network

By ELIZABETH BENTLEY

Elizabeth Bentley, one of the most important couriers of the Soviet espionage rings operating in Washington, here writes the sixth and last article of the fascinating series exposing the activities of American spies in high office. In this concluding installment, she tells of the importance of Harry Dexter White to the spy networks.

The influence which Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Harry Dexter White was able to exert on Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was a tremendous assist to the American spies working for the Soviet espionage network in Washington.

Morgenthau, of course, didn't fall in with the Communist plots, but the result of his ready acceptance of White's suggestions was that much secret information which would ordinarily not be available to us, fell easily into the hands of the Soviet agents.

FOR EXAMPLE, it was White, a member of the Silvermaster spy ring, who proposed to Morgenthau that the Treasury ex-

change secret information with other strategic government agencies. When this plan ultimately was in full operation, the Treasury was trading information with at least seven or eight agencies. All this vital data funneled through White and he, in turn, passed it on to the spy ring.

Included among the material which was turned over to me from White for delivery to the Soviet secret police were classified reports of the FBI and secret information from the Navy.

Indoctrinated in Communist dogma and their souls warped by its poison, the American agents had a peculiar psychology about the FBI. It had been drummed into them over and over that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was a kind of brutal Cossack secret police organization until they seemed to believe this implicitly.

THE AMERICAN SPIES, I found, hated the FBI with a fury that seemed to inspire them to willingly take great risks. Success in outwitting the FBI was a sort of exhilarating stimulant. I recall that Silvermaster used to flaunt his disdain for the FBI with such remarks as, "Do you think the FBI is listening in?"—accompanied by laughter. Or else he would say with relish, "Well, if they tailed me today they didn't get anywhere."

One of the very few spies who actually severed all connection with the espionage network before the crackdown was Robert Miller, who worked in the office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.

Nervous and fearful, he would only pass on information verbally and refused to steal any documents for the ring. Eventually, in the last six months I knew him, he refused to give me any information at all. But his case was a rarity.

As for me, I had decided by the Summer of 1945 that I could no longer serve my Soviet masters. Realization had finally come to me that instead of building a new world, insuring the dignity of man and the triumph of justice and democracy, we in the Communist movement had been used and corrupted. The real purpose of the Communist scheme for world domination had become frighteningly clear to me at last.

NOW THE PROBLEM was how the break could be made and how to make amends. I had the feeling that by this time the

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Soviet police had lost their complete confidence in me and were beginning to worry about my reliability.

I went through a long agony of doubt and indecision, and then one day, like a cleansing revelation, I knew I must tell the full story to the FBI.

I was afraid that the Soviet agents were watching me and would put me out of the way at once if they suspected my intention. I realized it would be too much of a risk to go to the FBI offices in Washington or New York, where the chances of my being seen by someone in the spy network were great.

SO, IN AUGUST, 1945, I traveled to New Haven, Conn., and there I made my first voluntary contact with the FBI. A bureau man listened noncommittally to a brief outline of what I had to tell, thanked me for coming and said I would be told shortly what to do next.

While the FBI did its own checking, the days dragged by in a kind of nightmare as I waited for word. Meanwhile, as far as the Soviet secret police were concerned—I hoped—I was still a member of the apparatus. It was a wearing, nerve-racking role. Grimly, I fought to keep myself under control.

Finally, the word from the FBI came. I was to go to the U.S. Court House at Foley Square and there an FBI agent would meet me. I recall my fright and despair as I walked down the long, endless corridors of the building accompanied by the agent. With every step, I felt I was walking deeper into a dungeon from which I would never emerge.

NOT KNOWING what to expect, I was amazed at the courtesy and kindness of the FBI men, so startling a contrast from the harshness and arrogance of the Russian secret police agents. I recited in detail the history of my years in the Communist movement and in the spy underground and was advised to continue my contacts under FBI supervision.

The unmasking of the gigantic conspiracy got under way. I supplied the FBI with the gaps in the vast amount of information the bureau itself had compiled.

Then, in June, 1947, the grand jury probing Communist activities and espionage began their deliberations and I spent many months testifying before that group. After a while, I lost contact completely with the espionage apparatus and the Soviet agents, apparently aware of what I was doing, made no effort to get in touch with me.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR, I

received subpoenas from Congressional investigating bodies and I repeated my story to them. Two armed guards were assigned to me around the clock. Strangely enough, I had by this time lost all fear of Communist reprisal. Things were happening too fast. Fortunately, I had no time to worry about my personal safety.

In September, 1948, I began lecturing to various groups across the country.

IN 1949 and 1950, I taught political science at Mundelein College in Chicago. Some time after that, I came to the College of the Sacred Heart in the bayou country of Louisiana, where I am now, as I write these words.

Here, I teach American government and Romance languages. Here, I have finally found peace and contentment as the days pass quietly and without incident.

What more can I say now? I have been asked what should be the attitude of the American people toward the Communist who recants, how I feel about those whom I have named to the FBI and the investigating committees.

LET ME SAY first that I have pity, not hate, in my heart for those former colleagues of mine who still cling to the monstrous doctrine that has enslaved them.

Then, let it be remembered that to deny that a former Communist can see the light and seek to restore himself to the society of decent men, is to impugn our entire concept of reform and rehabilitation. The FBI is completely capable of evaluating the sincerity of an ex-Communist and its verdict can be relied upon.

For myself, I hope that I need no longer retell my story to investigating committees. America has at last been alerted. This alert must be sustained, the dangers of Communist espionage cannot be minimized and never, at least in the foreseeable future, must we let down our guard.

THE END

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-134435)  
 FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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DATE: DEC 17

Re Boston-tel dated 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER  
 W. L. H. ESPIONAGE - R."

Referenced Air-Tel instructed that NY should carefully review ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" to insure there is no other information which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau during interviews. NY was also instructed to make sure that all pertinent data in her book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

As a result of this review presently being conducted by the NYO, a number of names are mentioned which, for various reasons, Miss BENTLEY has chosen to conceal for use in her book. In several instances, examination of the manuscript of the book which Miss BENTLEY has made available has resulted in the obtaining of the correct identity of the individual mentioned. However, in other instances, it was not possible to ascertain the exact identity of the individual.

In order that the identity of persons so mentioned may be clarified in order that proper action may be taken by the NYO, the following information is being set out and New Orleans is being requested to contact Miss BENTLEY to obtain the indicated clarification:

On Pages 41, 42 and 43 of the book, she refers to an "advanced student - who I shall call Edwin - at Union Theological Seminary" to whom she had been introduced by one ARNOLD FATCH. The purpose of this introduction was to enable BENTLEY to co-sign EDWIN'S application in the Party. She further mentioned that EDWIN had discussed his prospective CP membership with Dr. HARRY [redacted], who, according to EDWIN, had appeared to give his approval to EDWIN'S action in joining the CP. In her manuscript, this

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student was originally called ~~HAYDEN~~, then changed by penciled notes to "HARRY SCHULDER." Miss BENTLEY should be asked if she recalls the correct name of this individual and for any other information she may recall concerning him, both as to his activities and for the purpose of establishing his identity.

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For the information of agents contacting Miss BENTLEY, in the New Orleans Office, there is being forwarded herewith to New Orleans one copy of Miss BENTLEY'S book.

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

RebuAir-tel dated 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY LEXTER  
WHITE, ESPIONAGE - R."

Referenced Air-Tel instructed that NY should carefully review ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" to insure there is no other information which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau during interviews. NY was also instructed to make sure that all pertinent data in her book is channeled to appropriate individual files.

As a result of this review presently being conducted by the NYO, a number of names are mentioned which, for various reasons, Miss BENTLEY has chosen to conceal for use in her book. In several instances, examination of the manuscript of the book which Miss BENTLEY has made available has resulted in the obtaining of the correct identity of the individual mentioned. However, in other instances, it was not possible to ascertain the exact identity of the individual.

In order that the identity of persons so mentioned may be clarified in order that proper action may be taken by the NYO, the following information is being set out and New Orleans is being requested to contact Miss BENTLEY to obtain the indicated clarification:

On Pages 41, 42 and 43 of the book, she refers to an "advanced student - who I shall call Edwin - at Union Theological Seminary" to whom she had been introduced by one ARNOLD PATCH. The purpose of this introduction was to enable BENTLEY to co-sign EDWIN'S application in the Party. She further mentioned that EDWIN had discussed his prospective CP membership with Mr. HARRY WARD, who, according to EDWIN, had appeared to give his approval to EDWIN'S action in joining the CP. In her manuscript, this

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Director, FBI (100-35868)

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SAC, New York (100-13472)

GILBERT GREEN, was., FUGITIVE  
IO-2435  
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Rebuairtel, 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER  
WHITE, ESPIONAGE - R."

Information is furnished that the name of above subject  
appears on page 63 of "Out of Bondage" by ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

In an effort to determine if this information differed  
from that previously furnished by BENTLEY regarding the subject,  
the statement furnished by BENTLEY dated 11/30/45 was reviewed.

It is noted that the name of the subject, GREEN, does  
not appear in this signed statement.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-7863)  
FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-35161)  
SUBJECT:

DATE: 12/28/53

LOUIS SASS, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Bureau Air-Tel to New York 10/26/53 in the case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE - R," and N.Y. let to Newark 12/14/53 in above captioned case.

Referenced Air-Tel instructs that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage" be reviewed and compared with the information furnished by her to the Bureau. In the event the data in the book expands upon the information furnished by Miss BENTLEY, a lead should be set out for New Orleans to interview her.

References to SASS are found in the book on pages 60, 73, 75, and 84 indicating BENTLEY knew SASS as the organizer of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party and also attempted to check on authenticity of JULIET STUART POYNTZ in the CP through SASS.

There is no indication Miss BENTLEY ever furnished any information regarding LOUIS SASS and New Orleans should interview her for all the information she possesses on him.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-29509)

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SAC NEWARK (100-6396)

HARRY FREDERICK WARD, was.  
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ReBuairtel 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R", and New York letter to Newark 12/14/53.

A review of the file on above captioned subject does not disclose any prior information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY on HARRY F. WARD.

Referenced New York letter forwarded page 42 of Miss BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" in which Dr. HARRY WARD is mentioned.

New Orleans is requested to interview ELIZABETH BENTLEY to determine all information she can recall about above-captioned subject.

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Rebulet, 10/21/53, in case entitled, "WILLIAM LUTHER  
WILLIAMS - R".

WILLIAM LUTHER WILLIAMS was mentioned in "WILLIAM LUTHER WILLIAMS"  
book, "Out of Bondage" on pages 10, 11, 25, 26 and 41. He is  
the subject of a new security investigation in the NYO.

On several occasions in the book, WILLIAMS has referred  
to various individuals by fictitious names and in fact of these  
instances, examination of the manuscript has disclosed the correct  
names. In this instance, the manuscript reflects subject's name  
as above.

New Orleans is requested to interview WILLIAMS for  
further information concerning the subject.

New York files contain no information concerning  
WILLIAMS.

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SAC, New York (100-80375)

SAM CARR, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau airtel dated 10/26/53, entitled "HARRY DREW R. BENTLEY,  
ESPIONAGE - R".

A review of the book "Out of Bondage" written by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, revealed that on page 104 Miss BENTLEY stated that on numerous occasions she entertained visiting Canadian functionaries including SAM CARR. On page 153 she states that a party whom she called HAROLD SLOAN in her book, but who was identified in the manuscript as HAZEN SISE, was highly recommended by SAM CARR and GUY WICK, leaders of the Canadian CP. Based on this recommendation, HAZEN SISE was used by the espionage organization of JACOB GOLOS.

It should be noted that in the case entitled "HAZEN SISE", this information was pointed out to the Bureau and the New Orleans Office was requested to reinterview ELIZABETH BENTLEY to clarify this information.

It is suggested that the New Orleans Office, at the time Miss BENTLEY is questioned concerning HAZEN SISE, also question her concerning any information she may have regarding SAM CARR. In this connection it is noted that ELIZABETH BENTLEY was never questioned specifically concerning SAM CARR and any information she may have furnished the FBI in the past concerning him would have been incidental to information furnished concerning some other party.

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GRACE HUTCHINS, was  
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Rebuairtel 10/26/53 in case entitled: "HARRY DEXTER WHITE; ES-R".

Referenced airtel instructs that the Bureau be advised by 12/31/53 of information contained in the book entitled: "Out of Bondage" by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, which differs or expands upon data previously furnished by Miss BENTLEY.

References pertaining to the subject are found in the book on pages 220, 221 and 228. These references narrate on the subject's part in the funeral arrangements for JACOB GOLOS.

It should be noted that ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed by SAS THOMAS G. SPENCER and JOSEPH M. KELLY on December 27, 1946, at which time she advised of the subject's activities in making arrangements for GOLOS' funeral (Referenced report of SA JOHN G. MC CARTHY dated 2/24/50 at NY entitled: "GRACE HUTCHINS").

The information furnished by Miss BENTLEY does not appear to materially add or differ from the information appearing in Miss BENTLEY's book.

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SAC, New York (121-1958)

WILLIAM WARREN REMINGTON  
PERJURY

Re Buairtel 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
ESPIONAGE - R".

There is being set out below information which appears in ELIZABETH BENNETT's book "Out of Bondage" which does not expand or differ from information which she furnished the Bureau concerning REMINGTON, but is information she did not furnish nor was she requested to furnish concerning the personal problems she encountered in her dealings with REMINGTON and her discussion with GOLOS of this problem and also information concerning GOLOS' remarks to her when REMINGTON was about to be recruited.

On page 173 of her book she states in part, "Many of them were definitely 'problem children', due to their youth and nervousness about undercover activities. One of these was WILLIAM W. REMINGTON whom we always referred to as our 'infant prodigy'."

On this page she gives information concerning GOLOS' remarks when he came to see her about REMINGTON, as follows:

"I think we've got another good contact", he said hopefully. "Not only is he a reliable Communist but he's brilliant in his own field and should go far in the government. Moreover, he's got a good solid middle class background - fine family, education in well known schools - and he has a reputation for being respectable. I doubt if any of his friends or acquaintances have the slightest suspicion that he has any radical tendencies. I don't know how useful his present job will prove. But with proper training we can always move him into some more productive government agency. I'm going to introduce you to him and his wife and you can make arrangements to see him in Washington."

On pages 180 and 181 she talks about her personal problem with REMINGTON as follows:

"It was difficult to get him to bring out carbon copies of documents. Usually he would jot the information down on small scraps of paper, giving them to me furtively and with many admonitions about not letting them fall into the wrong hands. Moreover, lacking the courage to break with the Party

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"and refuse to continue his undercover activities, he often resorted to elaborate and quite transparent subterfuges to avoid doing his Communist duties. He would deprecate the value of the information that he gave, saying that it wasn't worth bothering with. He would be tied up in non-existent conferences on the days when I was in Washington, or he would be simply unreachable. All this reminded me very strongly of a small boy trying to avoid mowing the lawn or cleaning out the furnace when he would much rather go fishing. Sometimes I would suggest hopefully to YASHA that we ought to return BILL to the open Party. 'No', he would say firmly. 'While the material he is producing is not outstanding, it does help to corroborate or supplement what we are getting through the SHINTZBERG, and, besides, there is still the possibility that we can push him into a really good position'.

"Despite my private conviction that YASHA was wrong, I continued the painful process of trying to extract information from BILL. This was further complicated by the fact that both he and his wife were seemingly trying to get into left-wing or Communist front organizations, doubtless in the hope that by becoming well known as Reds they would lose their value to our organization and be sent back to the open Party. Although I told them sternly to avoid any such activities, I could never be sure they carried out my orders. I began to feel that the REMINGTONS were more bother than they were worth, particularly in view of the many other contacts I had to handle."

It is not believed by the NYO that the above information materially adds to the information Miss BENTLEY furnished the Bureau concerning REMINGTON which resulted in his successful prosecution.

Therefore, a copy of instant letter is not being directed to the New Orleans Office setting out a lead to have Miss BENTLEY interviewed.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-83434)  
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December 29, 1953

SAC, ALBANY (100-9230)

GRACE GRANICH, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(OO: Albany)

Re New York letter to Albany dated December 14, 1953 which enclosed page 156 of ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book, "Out of Bondage" which sets out the following information:

"Over a period of many years Yasha had built up a series of 'look-outs' - people strategically situated in Communist-front organizations or in the Party itself - through whom he could contact Communists who would be useful for espionage work. Among these were Grace Granich, head of the Inter-continent News Service and sister-in-law of Mike Gold, columnist for the 'Daily Worker'."

On page 69 of a summary of information prepared by the Bureau on GRACE PAUL GRANICH dated March 16, 1951 and forwarded to the Albany Division, there is set out the following information which was taken from a New York report dated December 5, 1945 re: "N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was. ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R".

In the statement of ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY which was given to agents of the New York Office on November 30, 1945, Miss BENTLEY furnished the following information relating to GRACE GRANICH:

In connection with HELEN TENNEY, she was introduced to Golos (JACOB GOLOS) by Grace Granich who was I believe in the Editorial Department of Intercontinent News which is located somewhere in New York City. I am unable to state whether Granich furnished any information to Golos but do know, however, that it was through Granich that Golos met and knew Helen Tenney." (HELEN TENNEY formerly worked with OSS and was one of the subjects in the NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER investigation).

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The New Orleans Office is requested to interview ELIZABETH BENTLEY concerning the foregoing matter and clarify whether or not GRACE GRANICH was the head of Intercontinent News Service or, as she advised in her statement to Bureau Agents, in the Editorial Department of Intercontinent News. She should also be asked for any additional information she has in her possession concerning the activities of GRACE GRANICH or her husband, MAX GRANICH, both of whom have long been active in Communist affairs. Both MAX and GRACE GRANICH were in Russia around 1930 attending school there and they both were in China in the middle 1930's publishing a pro-Communist newspaper. They were both active in Communist circles in the New York City area throughout the 1940's and at the present time are residing in the State of Vermont on a farm, and each summer they conduct a vacation camp for children, most of whom are the children of leading Communist functionaries in the Eastern United States.

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Rebuairtel 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
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Referenced Airtel instructed the ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S  
book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other  
information contained in the book which expands upon or differs  
with data which she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent  
data in the book be channelized to appropriate individual case files.

Examination of the book reflects that the above captioned  
subjects are referred to in the book on pages: 231, 232, 233, 234,  
236, 237, 238, 239, 241, 242, 243, 246, to 251, 255, and 262.

Perusal of these references reflect that all of this  
material was considered and discussed with Miss BENTLEY during  
the course of preparation of the investigative summary report  
of SA LESTER O. GALLAMER, dated 5/20/53.

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Director, FBI (100-236194)

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SAC, New York (100-54965)

JOHN ABT  
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Re Bureau airtel 10/26/53 in case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESP - R."

Referenced airtel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage," be reviewed to insure that the book contained no information expanding upon or differing from data Miss BENTLEY has furnished the Bureau.

On page 237 of her book Miss BENTLEY relates a conversation she had with EARL BROWDER regarding a "group to be turned over to our friends." Miss BENTLEY identifies "our friends" as the Russians. She relates that BROWDER then told her that the group had in the past been handled by JOHN ABT and material had passed through him, BROWDER, to GOLOS, but that ABT was going to take over a fairly public position and it would be too dangerous to continue on that way.

In connection with GOLOS, mentioned above, it should be noted that Miss BENTLEY had previously mentioned that JACOB GOLOS, whom she called "YASHA," was the contact to whom she passed espionage material prior to his death in November, 1943.

Miss BENTLEY then went on to describe her contacts with the VICTOR PERLO group, the members of which she first met at JOHN ABT's apartment in approximately March, 1944.

A review of the information previously furnished by Miss BENTLEY to the Bureau regarding JOHN ABT reveals that she never before specifically referred to BROWDER's statement in which he related to her that material passed from ABT to BROWDER to GOLOS. This statement would appear to indicate that ABT was operating as a courier.

It is to be noted that ABT, among others, was described by Miss BENTLEY as a courier in a list submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee and made public 6/6/49.

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For the information of New Orleans, JOHN APT is a lawyer who is considered a key figure in CP activities in the New York Division. APT has acted as attorney for the CP in hearings before the SACB and has been very active in CP meetings. In 1944 and until the time of its dissolution, APT was General Counsel of the CIO - PAC and also was General Counsel of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union under SIDNEY HILLMAN. APT worked for various government agencies, including the AAA and WPA, starting in 1933 and ending in approximately 1938. It has been alleged that APT was active in the HAROLD WARE espionage group in Washington, D. C. APT is married to JESSICA SMITH, HAROLD WARE's widow.

It is requested that New Orleans interview ELIZABETH BENTLEY and ascertain all information in her possession regarding the subject's activity as a courier of espionage material and the source of such information.

Director, FBI

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SAC, New York (100-95307)

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DEXTER WHITE; ESPIONAGE - R".

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book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other  
information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs  
with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent  
data in the book be generalized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above  
individual on pages 105 and 121 is in substance the same as that  
appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY's signed statement dated 11/30/45  
(65-14603-264).

Inasmuch as the above is the only lead outstanding in this  
case, no further investigation is being contemplated and this case  
is being closed, UACB.

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Rebunair-tel dated 10/26/53 in the case entitled "HENRY DEXTER SMITH; Espionage - R".

Referenced air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 105, 121 and 122 differs in some respect from that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY's signed statement dated 11/30/45 (65-14603-264 p.11).

It is to be noted that in BENTLEY's book on page 105 paragraph 2 she states that she was introduced to ROSE ARENAL by JACOB GOLOS as "ELIZABETH, a good and trusted comrade". BENTLEY stated in her book she was to go out to ROSE's house every so often to pick up whatever mail she had.

In her statement BENTLEY recorded that she learned during a luncheon dinner with GOLOS and LEOPOLD ARENAL and his wife HELEN ARENAL that LEOPOLD ARENAL's brother married ROSE ARENAL and that ROSE was living some place in Brooklyn. She stated that "GOLOS informed me that LEOPOLD ARENAL in Mexico would send communications to ROSE ARENAL in Brooklyn and instructed me to obtain these letters from her and deliver them to him".

It would appear from BENTLEY's book that ROSE ARENAL was cognizant of the fact that she was dealing with Communists which was never reported explicitly in her statement.

On pages 121 and 122 in the above-mentioned book, BENTLEY states concerning the subject at the time she learned of the death of TROTSKY's chauffeur the following: "I.....telephoned ROSE ARENAL to see if she had any letters. She sounded tense

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"and as if she were on the verge of hysteria. 'No,' she said. 'There's nothing. But please come see me this evening. Something terrible has happened.' "

BENTLEY then goes on to say how she discovered in the evening paper the report of the murder of ROBERT SHELDON HARTL, TROTSKY's personal guard.

She then reports that GOLOS ordered her to "break off all connections with ROSE immediately". GOLOS, according to the book, then stated concerning the subject "She's probably under suspicion already, being LUIS's wife. Maybe he's even hiding out there. I just hope she doesn't go to pieces and talk too much."

In her statement BENTLEY merely stated "At the time of the murder of TROTSKY's chauffeur.....I ceased to receive any communication from ROSE ARENAL."

It is felt that BENTLEY expands on the activities of ROSE ARENAL in her book. The above excerpts from BENTLEY's book implies that ROSE ARENAL seemed to be aware that she was connected in some way with the murder of TROTSKY's chauffeur.

It is to be noted that ROSE ARENAL in an interview at the NYO in April, 1951 stated that it was after the attempt on the life of LEON TROTSKY in May, 1940 that she felt that the letters she turned over to BENTLEY might have concerned the attempted assassination. She also stated that as far as she knew LUIS ARENAL, her husband, was not a member of the CP and she stated further that she, herself, never was nor is she now a member of the Communist Party.

It is to be further noted that by letter dated 11/16/51 the USA, EDNY, advised that the ARENAL case was being placed in a closed status in that office.

The New Orleans Office is requested upon interviewing BENTLEY to determine her recollection of how she was introduced to ROSE ARENAL and whether she feels that ARENAL was being used as a mail drop for the CP and whether GOLOS actually made the statement reported above or whether it was merely dramatization in her book.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-2670)

DATE: 12/30/53

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-1937)

SUBJECT: LOUIS ADAMIC  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re airtel 10/20/53, case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
ESPIONAGE - R" and New York letter to Newark dated 12/10/53.

A comparison was made of information re captioned subject found on page 187 of ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage", with information furnished the Bureau by Miss BENTLEY as reflected in subject's file.

The information appearing in Miss BENTLEY's book does not materially add to or differ from material previously furnished to the Bureau. Report of SA ROBERT C. MOUNT dated 9/9/48, at New York sets out and attributes to Miss BENTLEY substantially the same information that appears in her book, "Out of Bondage."

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Director, FBI (100-359334)

SAC, New York (100-82507)

BERNICE LEVIN, was  
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Rebuairtel dated 10/26/53, entitled "HARRY DOXTER WHITE;  
ESPIONAGE - R."

Referenced air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage," be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or ~~differs~~ with data which she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing on page 153 of the book, concerning the above individual, is in essence the same as that furnished by Miss BENTLEY, and set out in the report of SA MAURICE A. TAYLOR, entitled "BERNICE LEVIN, was," and dated 5/19/49, at New York.

The information set out on page 156 of Miss BENTLEY's book differs, however, with the information she furnished to the Bureau, in that in her book she states that BERNICE LEVIN (whom she refers to as BERNICE LANDERS) "became involved in a disappointing love affair which left her weepy and nervous. We therefore decided to drop her as a contact and let her return to the open Party. This she did, later turning up in the 'street' unit to which belonged ANGELA CALOMIRIS, the plucky little Greek girl who for seven years worked undercover for the FBI in the Communist movement."

The information which Miss BENTLEY furnished the Bureau makes no mention of the fact that the subject was dropped as a contact because she was weepy and nervous, and returned to the open Party, nor is it mentioned that she turned up in the same "street" unit as ANGELA CALOMIRIS.

The aforementioned report of SA TAYLOR reflects that Miss BENTLEY stated that BERNICE LEVIN furnished information to her until the middle of 1942, and that sometime in 1942, LEVIN mentioned to her that she did not care for Washington, D. C., and anticipated returning to New York City. Shortly thereafter,

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Miss BENTLEY lost contact with LEVIN, and did not hear from her again until 1943. It was at this time that JACOB GOLOS mentioned to her that LEVIN was working for the Tass News Agency in New York City.

In view of the fact that the information set out in Miss BENTLEY's book does not differ substantially from the information she furnished to the Bureau, and does not in any way affect the subject's security index status, no lead is being set out to the New Orleans Office to interview Miss BENTLEY.

Director, FBI (100-363633)

12/31/53

SAC, New York (100-95971)

ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, wa.  
ESPIONAGE - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950  
(New York Office of Origin)

ReBuairtel 10/26/53, in case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER WHITE; ESPIONAGE - R" which instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure it contains no information which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau.

I. On pages 165 and 166 of her book, BENTLEY wrote concerning SILVERMAN:

"Even more than HARRY (WHITE) he was nervous and worried about his espionage activities; although he was a Communist of long standing, the realization that he was giving information to the Russian Secret Police gave him the jitters. He was offered a Colonelcy in the Army but, possibly fearing a court-martial if he were found out, he refused to accept it, remaining a civilian employee. His caution drove him to insist that GREG (SILVERMASTER) go up to New York and deliver the material to the Russians there, in the strange belief that that would be a safer procedure."

In BENTLEY's first statement to the Bureau dated 11/8/45, she stated in regard to SILVERMAN:

He looks as though he were scared of his shadow. He is jumpy. He is one of those people they have trouble with, they tell me, because he gets scared. He is an old Communist Party member. I believe he has been at least fifteen or twenty years in the movement.

In BENTLEY's statement to the Bureau dated 11/30/45, she stated that SILVERMAN and ULMAN were both members of same Communist Party unit in Washington, D.C. She said SILVERMAN

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did not in fact know documents he brought were being photographed. She believed it was his impression that SILVERMASTER would read the documents, commit them more or less to memory and verbally pass on the contents thereof to EARL BROWDER. BENTLEY was of the positive opinion that although SILVERMAN may have heard of GOLOS, he had no knowledge that such material was in fact being received by GOLOS.

II. In her book, BENTLEY wrote (page 166):

"One time we had a very narrow escape. As I sat in the kitchen talking to HELEN SILVERMASTER, GEORGE (SILVERMAN) arrived quite unexpectedly at the front door, his briefcase bulging with papers he had abstracted from the Pentagon. It was inevitable that we run into each other, and if he discovered that I was a Soviet agent, he would undoubtedly bolt out of the house in a panic and never return. With commendable presence of mind, HELEN introduced me as Mrs. Something-or-Other; a personal friend of hers. GEORGE seemed slightly reassured, but I shall never forget the initial look of terror that came over his face. He was, indeed, frightened of his own shadow. He saw F.B.I. men behind every bush, and he would arrive at an appointment dripping with cold sweat, yet somehow - I could never figure out how - he kept on going. Periodically he would threaten to resign, and wearily the SILVERMASTERS would invite him over for a meal of his favorite broiled lobster. Then, when he was well fed and at peace with the world, they would argue him into continuing."

In BENTLEY's statement to the Bureau dated 11/30/45, she advised that SILVERMAN was at the SILVERMASTERS home very often, and after being assigned to the Pentagon he began to bring documents to the SILVERMASTER home.

She stated that in the late summer of 1943, a steadily increasing volume of material was being obtained by ULIMAN and SILVERMAN, and a considerable volume of this

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material was brought to the SILVERMASTER home in its original form - the documents themselves.

BENTLEY said she saw SILVERMAN on one occasion, but had never formally met him.

In subsequent interviews with BENTLEY she advised agents that the only time she saw SILVERMAN was in the spring of 1944 on the occasion of her being present at the SILVERMASTERS residence and SILVERMAN arrived. She recalled that she spent most of the time that particular evening with HELEN SILVERMASTER in the kitchen, and that SILVERMAN and SILVERMASTER and perhaps ULMAN were in the living room. When SILVERMAN was leaving, however, he walked through the kitchen and HELEN SILVERMASTER casually introduced BENTLEY to him under a fictitious name.

It is further noted that in HCUA hearings on 6/4/48, BENTLEY testified that she was sitting in the kitchen of the SILVERMASTER home, that SILVERMAN had come in the front door with some material and was leaving by the kitchen door. She said he went past very hurriedly and she was introduced by some name as being a friend of HELEN SILVERMASTER.

At these hearings, BENTLEY stated that the SILVERMASTERS told her that SILVERMAN as usual had come to bring material and that they, the SILVERMASTERS, were quite upset that she was there. She stated that they did not want her to meet other members of the group particularly SILVERMAN, who was extremely nervous and testified that SILVERMASTER said that if SILVERMAN realized who she was he would probably fall to pieces.

She testified that the SILVERMASTERS said SILVERMAN was very much concerned with what he was engaged in.

III. In BENTLEY's book (page 172) she mentions ULMAN graduating from Officers Candidate School as a

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Lieutenant in the Air Corps, and then writes:

"Then, with GEORGE SILVERMAN and HARRY WHITE desperately pulling strings, he (ULIMAN) was finally assigned to the Pentagon in Washington, where he became even more valuable to us than he had been in the Treasury.

In BENTLEY's statement to the Bureau dated 11/30/45, she mentions ULIMAN being commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force and said she recalled that SILVERMASTER was most anxious that ULIMAN be assigned to the Pentagon and further that through GEORGE SILVERMAN he was in fact assigned to the Pentagon.

IV. In BENTLEY's book (page 240) she mentions that PERLO had been worrying the SILVERMASTER group for a long time and wrote:

"Somehow he had discovered that GEORGE SILVERMAN was a Communist, and he had been trying to get information from him; unfortunately, his methods were, to say the least, lacking in tact. Every so often he would march up to GEORGE and say to him 'Have you got anything for JOE?' - obviously referring to JOE STALIN. At this, GEORGE would take to his heels and flee in panic."

In BENTLEY's statement to the Bureau dated 11/30/45, she said that mention had previously been made to her of PERLO by SILVERMASTER who used to complain that the activities of PERLO in Washington were upsetting GEORGE SILVERMAN.

From the above it appears that BENTLEY in most instances has furnished the Bureau with substantially the same information as contained in her book, although it is noted she has expanded upon and colored the material.

BENTLEY's statements "That he was giving information to the Russian Secret Police gave him the jitters, and that he insisted SILVERMASTER go up to New York and deliver the material to the Russians there", appears in complete variance with her statements to the Bureau that she believed SILVERMAN was under the impression the information he gave was being

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furnished verbally by SILVERMASTER to BROWLER.

It also does not appear that BENTLEY has advised the Bureau regarding SILVERMAN being offered a Colonelcy.

In accordance with Bureau instructions it is therefore requested that New Orleans review all of the above material with BENTLEY for clarification of the points in question and fully develop any additional facts sac may possess concerning SILVERMAN.

Director, FBI (100-98931) (134-435)

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SAC, New Haven (100-14171)

Mrs. HAROLD COY, was.  
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Reference New York let 12/14/53 requesting New Haven compare the information supplied by ELIZABETH BENTLEY in her statements to the Bureau with information set forth in her book "Out of Bondage," to determine whether any conflict exists and whether all material set forth in the book has been furnished the Bureau. The pertinent passages with respect to the subject were set forth on pages 193, 195, 203, 212 and 258 of the book, which pages were furnished as an enclosure to referenced letter.

BENTLEY's statement of November 30, 1945 to agents of the New York Office is not available in the files of the New Haven Office. The pertinent portion thereof is set forth in the summary report in the captioned case dated November 9, 1953 at New York. A comparison of this excerpt with pertinent passages in the book reveal no specific conflict. However, two items are referred to in the book which do not appear to have been fully explored in BENTLEY's statements to agents as revealed in the New Haven file: the first being the assertion on page 193 of the book that MILDRED (COY) was "the organizer of the Communist unit which functioned in the Institute of Pacific Relations..." It is felt that Miss BENTLEY may be able to furnish added detail on this unit, such as the makeup of its membership, its leadership, its use in information gathering on behalf of Soviet networks or by the CP, USA.

"Out of Bondage" indicates that MILDRED PRICE served as a talent spotter for GOLOS' network (p. 203). The New Haven file on the subject reflects only one recruitment by the network on the basis of MILDRED PRICE COY's suggestions--MICHAEL GREENBERG. It is felt BENTLEY should be specifically questioned as to whether others were attempted on the basis of the subject's talent spotting.

New Orleans is requested to reinterview Miss BENTLEY with respect to the above two items at an early date.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-786)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (65-3861)

SUBJECT: **MURKIN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was.  
HELEN WITTE SILVERMASTER, was.  
WILLIAM WOLFE ULLMAN, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R**

DATE: 12/31/53

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Re New York letter to Newark captioned as above dated 12/18/53 requesting that pages of the book, "Out of Bondage" written by **BENTLEY** containing references to the above mentioned persons be reviewed for information contained therein which had not previously been furnished by her to the Bureau.

Review in the Newark Office on the above captioned persons was based on information appearing in a summary report of SA **DAVID O. ZANDER**, WFO dated 11/2/48 regarding **SILVERMASTER** and another report by SA **ZANDER** dated 7/21/49 regarding **ULLMAN**. Both reports made the Newark Office the office of origin in these cases.

Based on the above reports there appears to be no new information in **BENTLEY'S** book that has not previously been furnished and the book does not materially add to the information **BENTLEY** has previously furnished.

It is to be noted that the portion of **BENTLEY'S** book made available to this office does not mention the obtaining of the samples of the Allied Military Works money from **MARY DEXTER WHITE** by **ULLMAN** or **SILVERMASTER**. This information was brought out by **BENTLEY** in her testimony before a Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C. on 10/21/53. The New York Office has advised that **BENTLEY** has been interviewed regarding this matter and the Newark Office will receive the results of this interview. No additional leads are being set out for the New Orleans Office to interview **BENTLEY** at this time.

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Re letter to Bureau dated 12/31/53 captioned as above.  
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SAC, New York (100-53054)

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Reference is made to Bureau air-tel dated 10/26/53 in the case entitled "FABRY DIXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

On page 44 of the book, "Out of Bondage" by ELIZABETH BENTLEY appears an item concerning the subject. This material does not materially add to or differ from information which has been previously furnished by Miss BENTLEY.

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SAC, New York (100-25902)

SAMUEL D. RDECK, was  
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Re Philadelphia letter dated 12/23/53 to Bureau.

Examination of the signed statement of ELIZABETH T.  
BENTLEY dated 11/30/45 reflects this statement contains no  
information concerning SAM DARCY.

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WILLIAM WHEELER HINCKLEY, wa.

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Reference New York memo entitled WILLIAM WHEELER HINCKLEY & MARGARET (COMINGS) HINCKLEY; SM-C, and reference Bureau airtel dated 10/26/53 in case entitled HARRY DEXTER WHITE; Espionage-R.

Referenced airtel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage," be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be generalized to appropriate individual files.

After a review of the case entitled WILLIAM WHEELER HINCKLEY, SM-C, it is felt by the Baltimore Office that data concerning him, as set forth in ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage," does not materially add to or differ from information previously furnished by Miss L. T. F.

WFO is office of origin in the case entitled MARGARET HINCKLEY, nee COMINGS. The Baltimore Division has forwarded the material furnished by New York to WFO and requested that WFO handle the lead pertaining to MARGARET HINCKLEY.

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SAC, BOSTON (100-25501)

MAURICE HYMAN HALPERIN  
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Elizabeth Bentley

DATE 2-24-78 BY [signature]

There is being transmitted to the New Orleans Office Pages 263, 264, 265, and 266 of the book, "Out of Bondage," written by ELIZABETH BENTLEY. It is requested that that office interview Miss BENTLEY concerning this material in order that the accuracy of this material can be made known to the Bureau.

For the information of the New Orleans Division, the Bureau has requested the New York Division to review the book, "Out of Bondage," to insure that there is no other information contained in the book which expands upon or differs with data which Miss BENTLEY has furnished the Bureau previously.

With respect to the interview of Miss BENTLEY, New Orleans should confine its inquiry of Miss BENTLEY to her description of meeting with HALPERIN near a garage near HALPERIN's home. Miss BENTLEY should be asked for her recollections regarding this particular meeting, it being noted that she referred to the fact that she observed three guards dressed in uniform during the time she was waiting for HALPERIN and prior to the time she "stepped around the corner and met with HALPERIN."

In reply to this letter, the New Orleans Division should designate copies of its letter for New York file 65-14603 and Bureau File 134-435.

For the information of the New York Division, it does not appear that Boston received Pages 200, 210 and 261 of BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage" as indicated in New York's letter of December 16, 1953.

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SAC, WFO (100-20523)

MARY WATKINS PRICE, WFO.,  
ESPIONAGE - R  
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Re New York letter to WFO December 18, 1953, which requested that information concerning the subject in ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" be compared with information furnished to the Bureau by BENTLEY concerning PRICE. The purpose of this comparison is to insure that the book contains no information which materially differs from or expands upon that information which Miss BENTLEY has furnished the Bureau.

The Bureau and New York Office are referred to the summary report of SA ALBERT H. SOLOMON, JR., dated July 28, 1953, in the PRICE case, section three of which contains a resume of all information furnished by BENTLEY concerning PRICE available to WFO up to that time. Included is information concerning PRICE from BENTLEY's signed statement of November 30, 1945, obtained by SAs THOMAS G. SPENCER and JOSEPH M. KELLY of the New York Office; from BENTLEY's testimony before HCUA in July and August, 1948; from an interview of BENTLEY by SA LESTER C. GALLANER of the New York Office on March 7, 1952, as set forth in his report dated March 27, 1952, at New York in the DUNCAN LEE case (Bufile 100-364413, New York file 100-96630); and from a subsequent interview by SA GALLANER in late 1952, as set forth in his report in the PRICE case dated January 15, 1953, at New York City.

On page 131 of her book Miss BENTLEY first mentions MARY PRICE. She states that JACOB GOLOS told her something of PRICE and her background before introducing her to PRICE. BENTLEY stated that GOLOS informed her that PRICE was "a Communist of many years standing" and that she was "a charter member under the name MARY WATKINS of the United Office and Professional Workers of America". No information could be located in WFO files indicating that Miss BENTLEY had furnished this information to the Bureau prior to the appearance of her book in 1951; however, upon interview by SA GALLANER in late 1952, referred to above, Miss BENTLEY was asked about MARY PRICE's background in the Communist movement

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Re: MARY MARY PRICE, was.,

prior to the time she (BENTLEY) and PRICE had been introduced by GOLOS. BENTLEY stated that at the time she first met MARY PRICE the latter had been "in the movement for about ten years" and had been quite active in the affairs of the United Office and Professional Workers of America.

Also on page 131 Miss BENTLEY discusses her first visit to Washington, D. C., to contact MARY PRICE in accordance with arrangements she and PRICE made at their initial meeting shortly before in New York City. MISS BENTLEY states that she spent Saturday and Sunday with PRICE in her Georgetown home. She stated further that LIPPMANN (WALTER LIPPMANN, PRICE's employer) was away at the time and it was decided that MARY would go across to back files and bring home all the "interesting" stuff so we could make copies of it. For two days we typed madly. . . and we somehow managed to finish everything. Then MARY returned the files to the office and I tucked the copies into my briefcase and returned with them to New York."

This differs from Miss BENTLEY's account of the same situation as she sets forth in her signed statement of November 2, 1945, which, according to information available to me, Miss BENTLEY has not altered or elaborated upon since the signed statement was taken. In this statement MISS BENTLEY says ". . . I recall that a short time thereafter (after her initial meeting with MARY PRICE in New York) I went to Washington, D. C., and met her in her home. I recall that she lived on Olive Avenue in Georgetown in Washington at this time. On the occasion of this first visit she gave me a large envelope which I knew contained copies of letters which were correspondence between LIPPMANN and people he was communicating with. I gave this envelope to GOLOS."

As to the interview Miss BENTLEY concerning this situation is being set forth, it is questionable whether these two accounts differ materially from one another. The account in the book is probably correct, but in the signed statement Miss BENTLEY did not go into such detail in view of the nature of pertinent information which she furnished in that statement.

On page 141 of her book Miss BENTLEY states concerning MARY PRICE "on our instructions she had left the house in the shared with her two Communist friends on Olive Avenue in the Georgetown area. She felt she was taking too great a risk since they were both well known as Reds so she eventually took an apartment by herself on the top floor of an old house at 2038 Eye Street, N. W."

Letter to Director  
Re: MARY WATKINS PRICE, was.

The two Communist friends referred to here by Miss BENTLEY are undoubtedly **VIRGINIA WOODWARD PAYNE**, now **Mrs. HENRY W. LEHMANN** (subject of Bureau file 101-3017, NY file not known, WFO-101-252) and **ELIZABETH EVELYN PHEL**, full name **ELIZABETH EVELYN JANIS SCHITMAN** (Bureau file not known, NY file 100-11248, WFO-100-5004). Miss BENTLEY has previously furnished information from which PAYNE and PHEL were identified and considerable investigation concerning them has been conducted.

Information available to "F" fails to indicate that Miss BENTLEY had, prior to the appearance of her book, informed the Bureau at the New York Office of her relationship with MARY PRICE. MARY PRICE is now from 1921 Olive Street, N. Y., Brooklyn.

On page 196 of her book Miss BENTLEY describes an incident involving **J. JULIUS JOSEPH**, **MARY PRICE**, two unidentified NY employees, and herself. Miss BENTLEY states that in the Fall of 1943, sometime after mid September, she made arrangements with MARY PRICE to have PRICE meet **J. JULIUS JOSEPH**. At the agreed time BENTLEY and JOSEPH appeared at the PRICE apartment (apparently 2038 7th Street, N. Y., Washington, D. C., although it is not specifically so stated) only to discover that PRICE was entertaining two men from the Office of War Information. These men are not identified by Miss BENTLEY in her book other than to state that she knew one to be "a man I had known years before in my Communist Club at Columbia University. . ." Miss BENTLEY instructed MARY PRICE to get rid of these two visitors as soon as possible. In the two hour interim BENTLEY and JOSEPH hid behind a stove on the back porch of the PRICE apartment.

Information available to "F" fails to indicate that Miss BENTLEY had informed the Bureau of this incident prior to the appearance of her book. When interviewed in late 1952 by SA **LESTER G. GALLAGHER** of the New York Office Miss BENTLEY stated that she could not recall the name of the man whom she recognized as having been a Communist Party member who was present on this occasion at the PRICE apartment. It was her recollection that this man had been a newspaper man and that she had been told at a later date that he was out of the Communist Party.

In other respects the information concerning MARY PRICE included in Miss BENTLEY's book "Out of Romage" does not appear to



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Re: MARY WATKINS PRICE, was.

do not differ materially from or elaborate upon information which Miss BENTLEY has previously furnished.

Miss BENTLEY was for years handled as an informant by the New York Office. Her files fail to reflect that she has furnished information concerning MARY PRICE to other than New York agents. It is therefore requested that the New York Office carefully review all information furnished by Miss BENTLEY concerning MARY PRICE to ensure that the information appearing in this letter is factually correct. It is possible that "FO" is not in possession of every reference to the **PRICE** made by Miss BENTLEY particularly where Miss **BENTLEY** was at the time discussing her over the "FO" subject in which she was not then interested.

Director, FBI (100-128634)

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SAC, New York (101-414)

LEONARD EMIL MINS, was  
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

*Elizabeth Bentley*

Re airtel 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R" instructing review of ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" to insure there is no other information expanding upon data previously furnished the Bureau.

Information concerning MINS in BENTLEY's book is set forth on pages 160 and 161 of the book and was reported to the Bureau in the MINS case in the report of SA JOHN WILSON, JR., 8/18/52. ELIZABETH BENTLEY was subsequently interviewed concerning information on MINS given in her book. She advised that she did not know MINS personally but only through JACOB GOLOS, her Soviet superior. This interview is reported in the MINS case in the report of SA JOHN WILSON, JR., 11/20/52.

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HAZEN EDWARD SISE, was  
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Rebu Air-Tel 10/26/53, in case entitled 'HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
Espionage-R."

Referenced Air-Tel instructed that ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure that there is no other information in the book which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished to the Bureau.

On pages 158 and 259 of "Out of Bondage", she refers to "a man whom I shall call HAROLD SLOAN, a young Canadian whom I contacted over a year and a half—" Examination of Miss BENTLEY's manuscript for the book reflects that the name was originally that of the subject HAZEN SISE.

Comparison of the material in the book with information furnished by Miss BENTLEY, concerning SISE, in her signed statements of November 30, 1945, and during an interview by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER on September 26, 1951, reflects that her statements to the Bureau Agents and material in the book are essentially comparable with the exception below:

In the book she stated SISE had been recommended for trustworthiness by TIM BUCK and SAM CARR, leaders of the Canadian Communist leaders, where as in her statements to Bureau Agents, she has stated that she believed SISE had been placed in contact with JACOB GOLOS by means of a letter of introduction from FRED ROSE, the Canadian Communist who most frequently corresponded with GOLOS. She stated that the basis of her belief that this letter of introduction was from ROSE stems from the fact that he more frequently corresponded with GOLOS than did BUCK or CARR (who also corresponded with GOLOS), although she did not actually know the letter was from ROSE, since she did not see it.

New Orleans is requested to ask Miss BENTLEY the basis for her statement that SISE had been recommended for trustworthiness by TIM BUCK and SAM CARR.

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MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR BAYFIELD:

RE: HAZEN EDWARD SISE, also known as  
Hazen Sise

Reference is made to our memoranda of August 27, 1951, September 8, 1951, and October 3, 1951, in the matter captioned Lester D. Pearson, with alias Michael Pearson.

This is to advise that in her book "Out of Bondage," on pages 158 and 259, Elizabeth Bentley refers to "a man whom I shall call Harold Sloan, a young Canadian whom I contacted over a year and one half..." Examination of Miss Bentley's manuscript for the book reflects that the name was originally that of the subject of this communication, Hazen Sise. Comparison of the material in the book with information furnished by Miss Bentley regarding Sise in her signed statement of November 30, 1945, and during an interview on September 26, 1951, reflects that her statements to Bureau agents and material in the book are essentially the same with the following exception: In the book she stated Sise had been recommended for trustworthiness by Tim Buck and Sam Carr, leaders of the Canadian Communist Party, whereas in her statements to Bureau agents she stated that she believed Sise had been placed in contact with Jacob Golos by means of a letter of introduction from Fred Rose, the Canadian Communist who corresponded with Golos most frequently. She stated that the basis of her belief that this letter of introduction was from Rose was the fact that he corresponded with Golos more frequently than did Buck or Carr. She said she did not actually know that the letter was from Rose since she had not seen it.

Efforts are being made to determine from Miss Bentley the basis for her statement that Sise had been recommended for trustworthiness by Tim Buck and Sam Carr. Upon receipt of this information it will be made available to you.

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cc - 2 - Liaison Representative  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

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cc - 1 - Foreign Service Desk

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NOTE:

In referenced memoranda Bayfield was advised that Bentley had stated that Lester Pearson and Hazen Sise were friendly and that Pearson in 1943 and 1944 made available to Sise information re policy and political matters, which information in turn was made available by Sise to Bentley. In view of the previous references of information on Sise to Bayfield, and since it is not known to what extent the RCMP is investigating Sise, it is believed the transmittal of this information to Bayfield at this time is warranted.

Director, FBI (101-4782)

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LINI MOERKIRK STOUMAN was  
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Rebuairtel TO/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE",  
ESPIONAGE - R".

Referenced Airtel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book, "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information contained in the book which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be channelized to appropriate individual files.

References to the above captioned individual were found in the book on pages 4, to 11, through 31, 35, 61, 62, 63, 80, 86 and 90 under the name LEE FUHR. This data was compared with data furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY in her signed statement dated November 30, 1945. References contained in the book which appear to expand upon or differ with material are attached to this letter. Because of the large number of individuals involved and the extremely large volume of information furnished by Miss BENTLEY, it was not possible to compare the information from the book with the total information furnished by her concerning each individual. In other instances the information has been routed to the case files and the material from the book is being reviewed and compared by agents handling these cases with information appearing in the files which has been furnished by BENTLEY.

In instances where offices other than NY are origin, excerpts from the book have been forwarded to the offices of origin for purposes of making this comparison. A review of the NY file in instant case reflects that the Bureau is office origin by virtue of the subject's residence in Mexico. This review also reflects that the NYO file is not complete enough to enable an adequate comparison of the attached material. It is therefore believed the Bureau as office of origin may find it desirable to have this comparison made at the Bureau or may wish to designate another office having a more complete file on the subject to handle this matter. Leads to clarify the information contained in BENTLEY'S book should be directed to the New Orleans office in which district BENTLEY is presently residing.

It is requested that copies of correspondence regarding this matter be directed to the Bureau and NYO files on ELIZABETH BENTLEY (Bufile 134-435 and NY files 65-14603 and NY 134-182).

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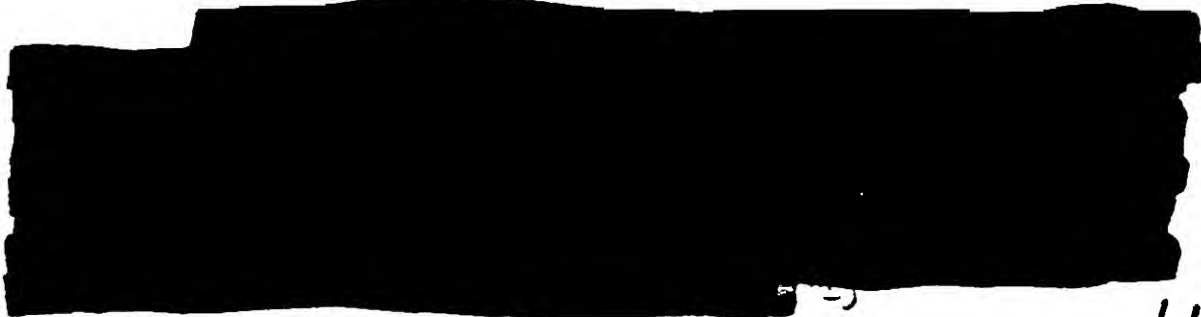
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SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York letter dated December 29, 1953; re report Special Agent William T. Baker dated December 17, 1953, at Mexico City, Mexico.

A copy of the referenced New York letter, together with the enclosure mentioned in that letter, is enclosed for the Los Angeles Office. Two copies of the referenced report are enclosed for the Los Angeles Office.

A review of the file on Stumen reflects she has been active in the Communist Movement since the mid 1930's, and she is closely associated with Mexican and American Communists in the Mexico City, Mexico, area. In view of her activities a Security Index Card is warranted. Since Stumen's last residence in the United States in December, 1949, was in Los Angeles, California, Los Angeles is being designated office of origin.

The Los Angeles Office should comply with the instructions set forth in the enclosed New York letter.



The report should be accompanied by an FD-128 recommending Stumen's inclusion in the Security Index.

Enclosure

3cc - New York (134-182) (65-14603) (100-48358)  
2cc - Legal Attache (100-825) (For Information)  
Mexico City, Mexico

cc - Bufile (134-435)

cc - Foreign Service Desk

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The middle name of the subject as set forth in the incoming letter from New York is incorrectly spelled. Stoumen has been active in the Communist Party since at least 1934. She continued her activities in the Communist Party until 1947. She recruited Elizabeth Bentley into the Communist Party in 1935. She served as a nurse with the Loyalty Force. She has been in Mexico since December, 1949. Since her arrival in Mexico, Stoumen has been closely associated with American, Mexican, and Spanish Loyalist Communist.



Director, FBI (100-14778)

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SAC, New York (100-7577)

WILLIAM WARSZOWER, was:  
William Weiner, et al  
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Rebuairtel 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, Espionage - R" and NY memo of SA LESTER C. GALBRAITH, 12/10/53.

Referenced air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information contained therein which expands upon or differs from data which she has furnished the Bureau and that all pertinent data be disseminated to appropriate individual files.

The references pertaining to captioned subject which appear in the book on Pages 162, 244 and 247 were compared with previous information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY. While it is thought that the information on Page 244 describing WILLIAM WEINER as "the head of the Party's Finance Committee" with whom Miss BENTLEY had "dealt in connection with the future reorganization of World Tourists" is related to information furnished by Miss BENTLEY as set forth in the report of SA HAROLD V. KENNEDY, 1/7/46 at NY entitled "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, Espionage - R", (see below) it is believed that further clarification on this point would be helpful.

The information previously furnished by Miss BENTLEY and set forth in the above described report is as follows:

"In respect to the corporate affairs of "World Tourists, Inc. the informant declared that immediately prior to March 15, 1944 there was considerable discussion among the various persons associated with the firm relative to filing of the annual corporation tax return. This was complicated because of the fact that GOLOS was the only stockholder and that no administration had been had of his estate. Involved in these discussions were SOL COHEN, previously mentioned, WILLIAM WEINER and MORRIS GREENBERG, an accountant, had handled some physical matters for the concern; they tentatively decided to effect an antedated stock transfer which would result in making it appear on the corporation's stock book that ARNOLD FINKELBERG rather than GOLOS was the owner of all outstanding shares

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of World Tourists, Inc. They discussed this procedure with EARL BROWDER, however, and after he advised that in his opinion it would be 'suicidal' they apparently abandoned the scheme and so far as informant knows the stock is still in the name of GOLOS."

For information of the New Orleans Office WILLIAM WEINER and JACOB M. GOLOS, who was Miss BENTLEY'S superior in espionage operations, were both officers of World Tourists, Inc. WEINER for many years was President of the IWO and more recently he was connected with New Century Publishers, Inc., a Communist publishing house. According to informant WEINER controls the financial operations of the CP-USA and reportedly has directed the establishment of Communist business enterprises for the purpose of obtaining funds for the CP.

The New Orleans Office is requested to interview Miss BENTLEY fully concerning her knowledge of WEINER 's various activities and specifically to have her clarify and elaborate upon her dealings with WEINER in connection with the "future of the organization of World Tourists."

Director, FBI (101-4053)

1/13/54

SAC, NY (65-15314)

HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebu4ir-Tel 10/26/53.

A review of the information in ELIZABETH F. BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" and the information furnished by Miss BENTLEY to Bureau agents reflects that there is nothing contained in the book that has not been furnished to the agents who have interviewed her and which in turn has been forwarded to the Bureau.

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LOUIS SASS, was  
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Re Newark letter, 12/28/53.

On 11/30/45 ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY furnished a signed statement to SAs THOMAS G. SPENCER and JOSEPH M. KELLY.

On page 4 of this statement Miss BENTLEY advised "LOUIS SASS, which I do not think is his true name, was an organizer of the Harlem Section of the CP in 1935. During the time that I knew JULIET GLAZER, I explained some of her activities to SASS and he indicated to me that JULIET was probably a German agent. In connection with LOUIS SASS' present whereabouts I recall that SASS was an associate of MARCANTONIO and in 1937 SASS moved to the State of Oregon. I do not recall his present whereabouts but I do recall that he either enlisted or was drafted into the Armed Forces during World War II."

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TO : Director, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 1/19/54

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Rebunair-tel dated 10/26/53 in the case entitled,  
"ARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESP-R".

During the review of ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage", which is being conducted as per instruction in referenced air-tel, it became necessary to prepare an index of the book in order that information concerning various subjects mentioned therein could be correlated. Also in the course of the preparation of this index it was believed advisable to index certain items of the subject matter dealt with by BENTLEY in the book as well as organizations, government departments, etc., noted therein.

Forwarded herewith to the Bureau are ten copies of this index. It is suggested that copies of this index be retained in the Bureau's "GREGORY" case file and the individual case file on BENTLEY and that additional copies be retained with copies of the book in the Bureau's possession for ready reference.

Two copies of this index are being forwarded herewith to the New Orleans office, one copy of which is to be retained in BENTLEY's file and the other maintained with the copies of "Out of Bondage", which has been forwarded to the New Orleans office.

Four copies of this index are being forwarded herewith to the Washington Field office, one copy of which is to be retained in the WFO file on the "GREGORY" case and the three additional copies are for use with the book, "Out of Bondage" for ready reference.

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During a review of the book, "Out of Bondage" by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, for the purpose of channelizing information contained therein to case files of individuals, the following index was prepared. Names set out herein in parenthesis are code names by which the various individuals were known to BENTLEY or nicknames by which she refers to the individual.

In some instances she referred to individuals by pseudonyms to conceal their real identity for various reasons. In most of these instances the correct name has been ascertained through an examination of Miss BENTLEY's manuscript for the book. In those instances the pseudonyms is set out in parenthesis preceded by an asterisk and reference is made to the correct name of the individual.

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